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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 10/29/65

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (157-60) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
(NKKKK)
RM-KLAN

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 7-22-88 BY SP8 BTJ/ab

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau 9/20/65.

The following investigation was conducted by

SA [REDACTED]

AT AUBURN, CALIFORNIA

Records of the Retailers Credit Association of Placer County, checked 9/29/65, disclosed under the date of 3/26/65, that [REDACTED] is unemployed, formerly being employed as [REDACTED] for the SBBB Roseville, California. His former address was listed as [REDACTED] Roseville, California.

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Records of this agency also disclose that [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] Auburn, California. According to this file she filed for bankruptcy on 4/8/65.

The 10/65 Pacific Telephone Directory for Auburn California lists telephone number [REDACTED] (area code [REDACTED])

Records of the Placer County SO checked the same date disclosed that [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] FBI Number [REDACTED] last arrested on 6/3/65, for (fictitious checks) and released on 6/7/65, when charges dismissed. He has been previously arrested for drunk, drunk driving and assault and battery.

- ② - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco

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On the same date, WILLIAM A. SCOTT, Sheriff, and [redacted] both advised that [redacted] is well known to them as a chronic drunk and frequent complainant. Both advised that [redacted] has called them on many occasions with nonspecific complaints, and that on many occasions he is very rambling in his conversation. Sheriff SCOTT stated that he considers [redacted] to be a complete prevaricator who would say anything to gain attention, and that he, Sheriff SCOTT, would put little, if any, credence in anything he says.

Both advised that [redacted] is presently living with [redacted] who is also an alcoholic.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] last called him on 9/14/65, complaining that he needed help about an organization in the Auburn area, but that [redacted] could not name or identify the organization or define its purpose or objectives. [redacted] stated that from his speech it was obvious that [redacted] was drunk at the time of the call.

Sheriff SCOTT [redacted] stated that they know of Klan activity in the Auburn area and that they certainly possess no information that [redacted] is in any way affiliated with that group.

In view of the above, it is not believed that any additional investigation of [redacted] is warranted, and no such investigation is contemplated.

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Date: 11/1/65

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Via AIR TEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (157-175)

NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP-8 JRS/STW

On October 31, 1965, "The Indianapolis Star," a daily newspaper published in Indianapolis, Indiana, carries story to effect that PARKIE SCOTT of Lebanon, Ohio, stated Klan would hold its first rally in Indiana about 50 miles south of Indianapolis.

He stated there would be activities from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM Saturday and from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Sunday, November 6 and 7, 1965. SCOTT stated grand wizard JAMES VENABLE of Atlanta would be the speaker.

Cincinnati contact informants, so Indianapolis can be advised of location of rally.

Atlanta ascertain through informants if VENABLE planning to come to Indiana. If so, advise Indianapolis of mode of travel.

- ③ - Bureau
- 2 - Atlanta
- 2 - Cincinnati
- 1 - Indianapolis

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Approved: C. J. R.
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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SAC, CINCINNATI (157-618) (P)

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA;
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

RM

(OO: Birmingham)

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DATE 8-32-88 BY SP8/ty/fab

For information of the Bureau, Birmingham, and Atlanta, on 10/19/65, a tape recording was received in the Columbus FBI RA mailbox with no indication of the individual who might have mailed this tape to the Columbus RA.

This tape recording was listened to at the Cincinnati FBI Office and it appeared to be an interview by an unknown individual with [redacted] United Klans of America.

On 10/21/65 it was learned that an individual by the name of [redacted] deposited the tape recording at the Columbus FBI RA Office. It would also appear that [redacted] was the individual who interviewed [redacted] on instant tape recording.

A copy of the tape recording was made at the Cincinnati FBI Office and is being retained in appropriate file (157-618). The original tape recording was returned to the Columbus Resident Agency so that it may be returned to Mr. [redacted] per his previous request.

The tape recording is summarized as follows:

[redacted] in the interview, explained the old and continuous policy line of his Klan group; that is, the

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Government is being taken over by the Communists, and he attacked President JOHNSON in regards to his welfare legislation policies, which were passed by the 89th Congress. There was nothing of an unusual nature contained on the tape recording, and it would appear that [redacted] was well aware of the questions asked him well in advance of the interview which was conducted.

A strong possibility exists that the tape recording was made during the recent visit of [redacted] to Cambridge, Ohio, where he spoke at a Klan rally during September, 1965.

UACB, the copy of the tape recording will be maintained in the Cincinnati FBI Office as exhibit to Cincinnati File 157-618.

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To: Indianapolis (157-175)

From: Director, FBI

**NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)**

Re: Airtel dated 11/1/65 captioned "National
Ku Klux Klan, Racial Matters (Klan)."

The Indianapolis Office should promptly furnish
a letterhead memorandum (LHM) suitable for dissemination
setting forth information concerning proposed rally.
Assure appropriate coverage is afforded this meeting and
that LHM is submitted covering activity at meeting. Klan
rally comes within provisions of Section 122B, Manual of
Instructions and should be handled accordingly.

1 - Atlanta
1 - Cincinnati

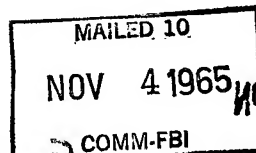
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NOTE:

This organization has planned a rally for
November 6 and 7 at an undesignated spot approximately 50
miles south of Indianapolis. Indianapolis should afford
coverage as indicated in the Manual of Instructions.

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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
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FBI ATLANTA

10-53 P M EST URGENT 11-5-65 TDS

TO DIRECTOR, INDIANAPOLIS AND CINCINNATI

FROM ATLANTA (157-60)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 JF/EL

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RM - KLAN.

RE IP AIRTEL TO BUREAU NOV. ONE SIXTYFIVE.

INFORMATION RECEIVED RE JAMES R. VENABLE, IMPERIAL WIZARD,
NKKKK, INDICATES VENABLE DEPARTING ATLANTA ON DELTA AIRLINES, TEN
THIRTY AM, NOV. SIX SIXTYFIVE, TO ARRIVE CINCINNATI ELEVEN THIRTY
SIX AM. WILL ATTEND RALLY OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION APPROXIMATELY
SEVENTY MILES SOUTH OF INDIANAPOLIS. LOCATION OF RALLY UNKNOWN
BUT BELIEVED ON ROUTE FIFTYTWO NEAR INDIANA-OHIO STATE LINE.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTER - KLAN
Bufile 157-168
Atlanta File 157-60
Cincinnati File 157-245

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN - GEORGIA
RACIAL MATTER - KLAN
Bufile 157-2850
Atlanta File 157-916
Cincinnati File 157-786

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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 JFJ/JSK

Re Atlanta airtel to Director dated 10/12/65.

On 11/4/65 [REDACTED] (Prob.) advised that it is his current understanding that the Imperial Kloneillium of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan - Georgia at a meeting held during October 1965 had voted 13 to 1 in favor of electing [REDACTED] of this Klan group.

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- 3-Atlanta (RM)
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- 3-Cincinnati
 - [REDACTED]
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Two of the voting members were not present. Informant advised this information was received from [redacted] and he assumes that it is correct, however, the possibility always exists [redacted] could be attempting to assume this title unofficially. Informant also admitted that strong possibility exists that a solid decision has not been decided on to date as to who is currently the Imperial Wizard of this Klan organization.

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ATLANTA DIVISION

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA and TUCKER, GEORGIA

Requested to recontact their logical source to determine current official results of election of the Imperial Kloneillium.

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Date: 11/5/65

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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To: Director, FBI

~~Att.: Civil Rights Section~~
~~General Investigative Division~~

From: SAC, Indianapolis (157-175)

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Subject: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka.;
RALLY, 11/6-7/65, DILLSBORO, INDIANA

☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

ReBuairtel, 11/4/65, and IP airtel, 11/1/65, entitled,
"NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN."

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum. One copy
is enclosed for Cincinnati Office.

Confidential informant referred to in enclosed LHM
is (Prob).

The 113th IC Corps, U. S. Army, Indiana State Police
and Dearborn County Prosecutor's Office have been
kept advised of this matter.

CINCINNATI, at Cincinnati, will advise if will attend subject rally.

AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER
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Klan Unit

DATE FORW: 11-8-65
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- 1 - Bureau (Enclosures 8)
- 2 - Cincinnati (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Indianapolis

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Indianapolis, Indiana

November 5, 1965

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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 J. J. J.

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
ALSO KNOWN AS;
RALLY, NOVEMBER 6-7, 1965, DILLSBORO, INDIANA

"The Indianapolis Star," a daily newspaper published in Indianapolis, Indiana, edition of October 31, 1965, contained a news story that Parkie Scott of Lebanon, Ohio, stated that the Ku Klux Klan would hold its first rally in Indiana about fifty miles south of Indianapolis. Scott stated there would be activities from 10:00 A. M. until 10:00 P. M., Saturday, November 6, 1965, and from 10:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M., Sunday, November 7, 1965. Scott further stated that the Ku Klux Klan Grand Wizard James Wenable of Atlanta, Georgia, would be the main speaker.

"The Indianapolis News," a daily newspaper published in Indianapolis, Indiana, edition of November 3, 1965, contained a United Press International news story, date line Oregonia, Ohio, in which Parkie Scott of Oregonia, who described himself as an organizer for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, said the Klan would hold its first Indiana rally in years this weekend near Dillsboro. Scott stated that the rally would be held Saturday and Sunday in a field south of Dillsboro on Indiana 262. Scott said a cross burning will follow the speaking Saturday night and his announcement appealed for a "group of men to help build the cross Saturday afternoon."

The announcement further said the rally was for "every white, Christian American" and added that "no alcoholic beverages, Communists, niggers and beatniks will be allowed on the rally grounds." Scott added that souvenirs, food, coffee and soft drinks would be for sale on the grounds.

"The Indianapolis Star," edition of November 4, 1965, contained another story concerning the rally and stated that John J. Dillon, Indiana Attorney General, had stated he had ordered the Indiana State Police to put the rally "under surveillance and report back to my office."

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
ALSO KNOWN AS;
RALLY, NOVEMBER 6-7, 1965, DILLSBORO, INDIANA

On November 4, 1965, [redacted] Lawrenceburg, Indiana, Dearborn County [redacted] in which county Dillsboro is located, advised that he had heard the Klan planned a rally this next weekend on a farm [redacted] of Dillsboro. [redacted] stated he would ask the Dearborn Circuit Court to issue a restraining order to prevent the holding of the rally. [redacted] stated he would seek the order under the provisions of the 1947 Indiana Anti-Hate Law which he said was aimed at such groups as the Klan.

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] has set up a Klan rally sanctioned by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia to be held in Dillsboro, Indiana, November 6 and 7, 1965. Source advised that a large turnout for this rally is not expected, and although [redacted] has invited James Venable to speak at the rally, Venable may not make an appearance.

[redacted] Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana; [redacted] Indiana State Police, Indianapolis, Indiana; and [redacted] Dearborn County [redacted] Lawrenceburg, Indiana, were advised of the above-proposed rally on October 31, 1965, and have been kept advised since that date.

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Mr. Sullivan	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR AND PITTSBURGH

FROM: INDIANAPOLSI 157-175

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., AKA; RALLY, ELEVEN
SIX DASH SEVEN, SIXTYFIVE, DILLSBORO, INDIANA. RM - KLAN

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY DEARBORNE COUNTY, IND., OBTAINED
WRIT BASED ON NINETEEN FOURTYSEVEN INDIANA STATE ANTI HATE LAW,
WHICH HE CLAIMS PROHIBITED KLAN MEETINGS. APPROXIMATLY TWO
HUNDRED PEOPLE SHOWED UP TODAY IN DILLSBORO, IND., FOR POSSIBLE
NKKKK OPEN MEETING. MAJORITY OF THEM CURIOSITY SEEKERS.

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JAMES VENABLE [REDACTED] ARRIVED THIS PM, AND
OBEYED COURT ORDER AND CALLED OFF MEETING; HOWEVER TWO INDIVIDUALS
ARRESTED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] PITTSBURGH, PENN., AND [REDACTED] NO ADDRESS
BUT ALSO FROM PITTSBURGH. [REDACTED] ARRESTED FOR PUTTING ON KLAN
ROBE [REDACTED]

STATE POLICE OF OPINION NO ACTIVITY SCHEDULED FOR
SUNDAY, BUT WILL MAINTAIN SURVIELENCE.

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To: Director, FBI

~~XXXX Civil Rights Section~~~~General Investigative Division~~From: SAC, Indianapolis (157-175)Subject: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka.ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-22-88 BY [signature]☐ BOMBING MATTERS - THREATS ☒ RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

OO: Atlanta

Re Indianapolis airtel and LHM dated 11/5/65 and
Indianapolis teletype dated 11/6/65.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

Two copies each of LHM are being designated for Atlanta,
Cincinnati, and Pittsburgh.[redacted] who is in the process
of being developed as a Racial Informant (probationary).All sources in appendix pages have furnished
reliable information in the past.Information contained herein was given to [redacted]
Intelligence Corps, Fort Harrison, Indianapolis,
Indiana.

AGENCY: ASI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER

DATE FORW: 11-9-65

HOW FORW: [signature]

BY: [signature]

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Klan Unit

- 1 - Bureau (Enclosures 8) (RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 1 - Cincinnati (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 1 - Indianapolis

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Indianapolis, Indiana
November 8, 1965

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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP4/BJT

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
INC., ALSO KNOWN AS
ASSOCIATION OF KLANS IN AMERICA,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

A characterization of the above organization is attached to the appendix of this memorandum.

The Indianapolis Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation submitted a memorandum dated November 5, 1965, on above matter.

On November 6, 1965 [redacted] Indiana State Police, in charge of the Special Detail at Dillsboro, Indiana, advised that approximately 40 people showed up for the rally. He estimated that 160 sightseers also showed up for the rally.

He advised that as each individual attempted to go into the field where the rally was to be held that the Sheriff read to each one the restraining order which had been obtained by [redacted] Dearborn County [redacted] from the Dearborn Circuit Court. The restraining order forbade the meeting under the provisions of the 1947 Indiana Anti-Hate Law.

He advised that only two arrests were made by the Sheriff. One was [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for playing drums which he had brought along and another individual who was identified as [redacted] Pittsburgh, but later gave the name [redacted] was arrested for putting on Klan robes.

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On November 6, 1965 [redacted] Dearborn County, Indiana, advised that both individuals were not "arrested" but "attached" because the action is not one of

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., ALSO KNOWN AS
ASSOCIATION OF KLANS IN AMERICA, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

a criminal nature. He advised they were being held in Dearborn County jail with bail set at \$5,000 each. He was of the opinion both would be afforded a hearing in Dearborn Circuit Court on November 10, 1965.

[] advised the rally broke up about 3:45 PM on Saturday, November 6, 1965, and there was no indication that any activity was planned for Sunday, November 7, 1965.

Confidential Informant [] with whom contact has been insufficient to determine his reliability, advised that he attended the rally of the Klan on Saturday, November 6, 1965. He stated that as he entered the field for the activities, a sheriff stopped him and read a court restraining order, which in his opinion, had stopped the Klan rally.

[] advised that [] James Venable arrived about 3:30 PM, and that Venable informed those present there would be no rally, and he, Venable, did not wish to go against the court order forbidding the rally.

The above information was furnished to [] Intelligence Corps, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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TO SACS CLEVELAND (100-10261)
CINCINNATI

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

1 - Administrative Division
1 - Baumgardner

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DATE 8-23-88 BY SP8/ty/jat

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN).

RE CLEVELAND AIRTEL NOVEMBER NINE LAST.

CLEVELAND AND CINCINNATI OFFICES AFFORD TOP PRIORITY TO
RESOLVE ALLEGATION THAT FBI AGENT INITIATED INTO KLAN.
CINCINNATI CONTACT LOGICAL SOURCES AND REVIEW MEMBERSHIP
RECORDS TO IDENTIFY CURRENT OR FORMER BUREAU PERSONNEL OR ANY
INDIVIDUAL CONNECTED WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT WHO MIGHT BE MISTAKEN
FOR FBI AGENT. CLEVELAND RECONTACT INFORMANT AND DETERMINE
FULL DETAILS INCLUDING WHETHER HE WOULD BE COMPROMISED IF
BUREAU INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] IF INFORMANT
WOULD NOT BE EXPOSED, IMMEDIATELY INSTRUCT CINCINNATI TO
CONDUCT INTERVIEWS. IF INFORMANT FEELS WOULD BE EXPOSED,
ARRANGE FOR HIM TO CONTACT [REDACTED] IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE TO
DETERMINE NAME OF ALLEGED AGENT. ALERT ALL INFORMANTS TO
PROMPTLY CONTACT YOUR OFFICE WITH ANY INFORMATION REFLECTING

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
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ON FBI OR ITS PERSONNEL. CLEVELAND SUBMIT EXPLANATIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DELAY IN ADVISING BUREAU OF THIS ALLEGATION.

NOTE:

Cleveland airtel dated 11/9/65 indicated informant furnished information on 10/26/65 concerning activity on 10/19 and 20/65 at Oregonia, Ohio. [redacted] claimed to know three FBI agents by ~~name~~ and that one agent was initiated into the Ku Klux Klan. [redacted] claimed she proved this to Klan leader by calling the agent by name.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX
KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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Re CV airtel to Bureau and CI 11/12/65 and
CV phone call to CI 11/13/65.

SA [redacted] Cincinnati Division, was
telephonically advised 11/13/65 by SA [redacted] Cleveland,
that source mentioned in reairtel, [redacted] W/M,
[redacted] 5'9", 220 pounds, black wavy hair, intends to stop
[redacted] the residence of [redacted] at
[redacted]

[redacted] will make every effort to secure the name of
FBI Agent who was allegedly initiated into the Klan and
if successful will immediately telephone the Cleveland
Division collect and furnish the name.

This information is for information purposes
only. No surveillance is being requested.

- C. G. Wick*
- 3 - Bureau (RM)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: MECHANICAL SECTION

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-4963) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

RALLY, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA

JULY 17, 1965

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Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau dated 8/4/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau under separate cover are the following rolls of film of captioned rally:

- 1) One roll of sound film obtained from KSLA - TV, Channel 12, Shreveport, La.
- 2) One roll of silent film obtained from KSLA - TV, Channel 12, Shreveport, La.
- 3) Seven rolls of sound film obtained from KTAL - TV, Channel 6, Shreveport, La.
- 4) Seven rolls of silent film obtained from KTAL - TV, Channel 6.

The Mechanical Section is requested to make one copy of each roll of film and furnish same to the New Orleans Office, returning original film to the New Orleans Office so it may be returned to TV stations. If feasible, all seven copies of rolls of sound film obtained from Channel 6 may be placed on one roll and all seven copies of silent film obtained from Channel 6 may be placed on one roll.

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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-4963)

November 12, 1965

Director, FBI

157-168

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
 RALLY, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA,
 JULY 17, 1965
 RM

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Reference is made to your communication dated 10/14/65 transmitting
☐ negative(s) ☒ film ☐ photograph(s) ☐ document(s) ☐
 pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request ☐ film has been developed
☐ enlargement(s) made
☒ positive copy made
☐ print(s) made
☐ slide(s) made
☐ negative(s) made
☐ Photostats made

The above is ☐ attached
☒ being sent under separate cover, via ☒ registered mail
☐ REA Express

You are advised that the film listed as sound
 film did have a magnetized sound strip thereon, but
 did not have a sound track. This film, therefore,
 has been reproduced on silent film.

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URGENT 11-12-65 2:30 PM EST AJ

TO DIRECTOR AND CLEVELAND 157-168

FROM CINCINNATI 121710

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN

RE DIRECTOR TELETYPE TO CINCINNATI AND CLEVELAND NOVEMBER 10
 LAST.

FOLLOWING PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONSIDERED
 SIGNIFICANT CONCERNING ALLEGATION BY [REDACTED]

ON AUGUST 24 LAST BUAGENTS [REDACTED]

INTERVIEWED [REDACTED] AT OREGONIA, OHIO

REGARDING CASE TITLED "UNSUBS (TWO) AKA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VICTIMS EXTORTION - RM," CIFILE [REDACTED]

BUFIL [REDACTED]

AFTER INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] APPROXIMATELY 45 TO 50

MADE APPEARANCE AND IDENTIFIED [REDACTED] A

CLOSE FRIEND OF [REDACTED] INTRODUCED AGENTS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] APPEARED FRIENDLY BUT REQUESTED REPEATING

OF AGENTS' NAMES. [REDACTED] COMPLIED TO THIS REQUEST. AGENTS

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[REDACTED] THEN DEPARTED. POSSIBILITY EXISTS [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] REMEMBERED NAMES OF AGENTS INTERVIEWING [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] (PROB) ON CLOSE FRIENDLY TERMS WITH [REDACTED]
 AND SHOULD BE IN POSITION TO REFUTE ALLEGATION MADE BY [REDACTED]
 THAT FBI AGENTS INITIATED INTO KLAN IF UNTRUE. CINCINNATI
 FEELS THIS WOULD NOT COMPROMISE [REDACTED]

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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URGENT 11-12-65 2:31 PM
 TO DIRECTOR (157-168) AND CINCINNATI
 FROM CLEVELAND 121716

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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 DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8

8 NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN; RACIAL MATTERS-KLAN

RE CLEVELAND PHONE CALLS TO BUREAU AND CINCINNATI,
 NOVEMBER 11 LAST, CONFIRMING CLEVELAND TELETYPE THIS DATE.
 FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH SOURCE THIS DATE HAS DETERMINED
 THAT [REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED] WAS A KLAN
 MEMBER, AT WHOSE INITIATION [REDACTED] PRESENT, AS SET FORTH
 IN RETEL.

DURING THE SAME CONVERSATION [REDACTED] MENTIONED THAT [REDACTED]
 WENT TO [REDACTED] TIME NOT SPECIFIED, AND [REDACTED]

ONE TOLD [REDACTED]

STAY AWAY FROM [REDACTED]

AND HE THEN TOLD [REDACTED]

GO THERE ANY MORE THAN NECESSARY. [REDACTED] INDICATED [REDACTED]

MENTIONED THEIR NAMES BUT AS PREVIOUSLY SET FORTH, SOURCE
 WAS UNABLE TO RECALL THEIR NAMES OR THE NAME OF [REDACTED]
 ALLEGEDLY A MEMBER OF THE KLAN. SOURCE EMPHATICALLY STATES
 THAT [REDACTED] DID NOT SAY THESE [REDACTED] WERE IN
 ANY WAY AFFILIATED WITH THE KLAN.

CINCINNATI: ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHETHER [REDACTED]
 HAS EVER BEEN INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS AT [REDACTED]
 OR [REDACTED] BUT DO NOT INTERVIEW [REDACTED] AT
 THIS TIME.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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12:48 PM EST URGENT 11-12-65 CAY
 TO DIRECTOR (157-168) AND CINCINNATI
 FROM CLEVELAND 121420

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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 DATE 8-22-88 BY SP862

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

RE BUTEL, NOVEMBER 10 LAST. RE PHONE BUREAU AND
 CINCINNATI NOVEMBER 11 LAST.

RECONTACT WITH SOURCE THIS DATE DETERMINED STATEMENTS
 OF [REDACTED] MADE AT [REDACTED] RESIDENCE. [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] ONLY ONE PRESENT.

[REDACTED] WAS CRITIZING [REDACTED] ON HIS KLAN ACTIVITY
 AND IN PARTICULAR HIS METHOD OF RECRUITING EVERYONE WITHOUT
 CHECKING THEM.

[REDACTED] CLAIMED TO BE PRESENT AT THE INITIATION OF AN
 FBI AGENT, DETAILS NOT GIVEN, AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLAIMED TO KNOW THAT [REDACTED] HAD
 BEEN INITIATED, DETAILS NOT GIVEN, AND ONE ADVISED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND HE TOLD [REDACTED] TO
 GO THERE ANY MORE THAN NECESSARY.

[REDACTED] MADE NO COMMENTS DURING THIS CONVERSATION.
 SOURCE STATES MANY NAMES WERE MENTIONED [REDACTED] DISCUSSION

[REDACTED] ACTIVITY AND THAT HE COULD NOT RECALL THE NAMES
 [REDACTED] AFTER LEAVING THE RESIDENCE. SOURCE STATES
 HE WAS IN NO POSITION TO ASK QUESTIONS. HE BELIEVES [REDACTED]

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SOURCE BELIEVES INTERVIEW OF [] BE NONPRODUCTIVE
 AND THAT [] BE UNCOOPERATIVE.

SOURCE DEPARTING CLEVELAND AREA SATURDAY AFTERNOON,
 [] EN ROUTE RESIDENCE OF [] COVINGTON,
 KENTUCKY TO [] SOURCE WILL VISIT
 WITH [] DURING THE WEEKEND AND ATTEMPT TO SECURE NAMES
 [] AND FURTHER DETAILS.

SOURCE HAS ARRANGED WITH EMPLOYER TO TAKE NEXT
 MONDAY OFF IF NECESSARY IN ORDER TO SPEND REMAINDER OF
 WEEKEND WITH []

CINCINNATI WITHHOLD INTERVIEWS OF [] AND ALERT
 ALL APPROPRIATE SOURCES.

CLEVELAND WILL ADVISE CINCINNATI TELEPHONICALLY
 WHEN SOURCE DEPARTS AS TO HIS PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION, WEARING
 APPAREL, MODE OF TRANSPORTATION, AND EXACT ITINERARY.

CLEVELAND HAS ALERTED SOURCES THIS OFFICE IN ATTEMPT
 TO CHECK VERACITY OF STATEMENTS OF []

EXPLANATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BEING HANDLED
 BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS.

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Date: 11/10/65

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-425) (RUC)
SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
INC., aka
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: ATLANTA)

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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 ug/fcl

Re Indianapolis teletype, dated 11/6/65, airtel
and LHM, dated 11/8/65.

Pittsburgh has no information identifiable with
TONEY FRANCIS set out in re teletype, however, the 11/8/65
issue of "The Pittsburgh Press," a daily newspaper at Pitts-
burgh, Pa., in an article on page one, captioned "Indiana
Fines Two City Klansmen" set out the arrest of one TONY FRANCE,
age 40, and LYNN GIESY, age 31, the latter residing at 928
Western Avenue, Pittsburgh.

The 8/20/63 issue of "The Pittsburgh Press" in an
article captioned, "Nazis Freed From County Jail" set out in
part that one DAVID FRANCE, 33, or Avery Street, Northside,
Pittsburgh, had been arrested for distributing hate litera-
ture.

On 10/18/63, [redacted] Local Board No. 15,
933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised SA [redacted]
that [redacted], had a
[redacted]

- 3 - Bureau
 - 1 - Atlanta
 - 1 - Indianapolis (157-175) (INFO)
 - 2 - Richmond (Enc. 1)
 - 3 - Pittsburgh
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On 10/10/63, [redacted]
Pittsburgh, Pa., advised SA [redacted] that the [redacted] family
moved from [redacted] that day. [redacted] said the family
had an unsavory reputation and consisted of the parents.
[redacted]

It is believed that the individual arrested with
[redacted] of
Pittsburgh.

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The above information has been furnished the
[redacted] previously by Pittsburgh letter, dated 11/21/63.
[redacted] RACIAL MATTERS." The Bureau,
[redacted] are in possession of all informa-
tion in Pittsburgh files concerning [redacted] an
American Nazi Party member.

Copies of this airtel have been furnished Indianapolis
because of that office's interest in that matter, to Atlanta
since that office is origin in captioned matter and to
Richmond, origin in the matter, American Nazi Party, aka."

A xerox copy of referenced Indianapolis teletype
dated 11/6/65, is furnished to Richmond for information.

Not a FOIA exemption

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Date: 11/9/65

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(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTER - KLAN
(OO: Atlanta)

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Re intraoffice memo of [redacted]
to SAC, CLEVELAND, dated 11/4/65 to which was attached
informant report of [redacted] Racial Informant -
Probationary received by SAs [redacted]
[redacted] on 10/26/65, regarding KKK activities on
10/19 and 20/65.

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 11/2/65, and Bureau
airtel to Cleveland, 11/5/65, captioned "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA,
INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN",
Cleveland file 157-470, Bufile 157-370.

- 4 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Birmingham (105-722) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (157-60) (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 4 - Cincinnati (Enc. 6) (RM)
- (1 - 157 [redacted])
- (1 - 157- [redacted])
- 2 - Louisville (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (Info) (RM)
- 3 - Cleveland
- (1 - 157-470)
- [redacted]

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Birmingham to Cleveland 11/11/65
Tel to C & D 11/11/65
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Enclosed for Atlanta and Louisville is one copy of each referenced airtel, and for Cincinnati, three copies of each referenced airtel.

Contact with SPATE has been insufficient to judge his reliability. It will be noted in Paragraphs 4 and 5 on Page 5 of informant memo, that [redacted] Mason, Ohio, claimed to know on sight three FBI Agents in their area, one of whom was initiated into the Ku Klux Klan at the farm of [redacted] Oregonia, Ohio. [redacted] claimed to have proved this to [redacted] by going up to the Agent and calling him by name. [redacted] also claims that one of the Agents told [redacted] not to be seen any more than necessary on [redacted] farm. [redacted]

The information contained in referenced airtels appears to have a possible bearing on and connection with the information furnished by [redacted]

Cincinnati is requested, through sources and appropriate investigation, to determine the significance of the information furnished by [redacted] and if, in fact, it could relate to the information set forth in referenced airtels.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 11/10/65

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner

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By airtel dated 11/9/65 the Cleveland Office furnished information indicating that Probationary Racial Informant [redacted] had advised on 10/26/65 that he had been present at Klan activities at the farm of [redacted] Oregonia, Ohio, on 10/19 and 20/65. [redacted] of Mason, Ohio, claimed to know on sight [redacted] in their area and alleged one was initiated into the Ku Klux Klan at [redacted] farm.

Cleveland airtel refers to correspondence from the Bureau 11/5/65 regarding United Klans of America. That communication was in reference to [redacted]. There are allegations that [redacted] has been introduced at rallies [redacted]. He is presently [redacted] for the United Klans of America. He was never connected with the FBI although [redacted] for approximately [redacted] years until retirement in about 1955. [redacted] has been contacted by Bureau Agents and [redacted]. There appears to be no likelihood of a connection between [redacted] and the current allegation since [redacted] is not from the Ohio area and these two Klan organizations are bitterly opposed to each other.

OBSERVATION:

The probationary informant who is the source of this information is relatively new and his reliability has not been established. The Cincinnati Office, which covers activities of [redacted], has an informant who has regularly provided the names of all members initiated into this organization and there has been no indication from the Cincinnati Office that any Bureau personnel are involved. It appears that the informant may have received false information or that the source of the information was erroneous in [redacted]. Nevertheless, this must be thoroughly checked. 281-157-168-4179

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
157-168

ACTION TAKEN:

A teletype has been sent to the Cincinnati and Cleveland Offices instructing that this matter be afforded top priority. Cincinnati is to contact logical sources and review membership records of this organization to identify any possible individuals connected now or formerly

[redacted]
[redacted] The Cleveland Office is to recontact informant for complete details and to determine whether he could be ^{compromised} if [redacted] were to be interviewed. If not, Cincinnati is to interview them but if he could be exposed, informant is to be instructed to recontact

[redacted] Cleveland has been instructed to furnish explanations and recommendations for administrative action for delay in advising the Bureau of this allegation.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

gh [signature] [signature] Y. [signature]

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3:58 PM EST 11-14-65 URGENT MAR
 TO DIRECTOR AND CINCINNATI
 FROM CLEVELAND 141915

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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 DATE 8-22-88 BY SP-8

0 NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN).

7 SOURCE THIS DATE TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED CLEVELAND
 OFFICE THAT THE NAME OF BUREAU AGENT ALLEGEDLY INITIATED
 IN KLAN IS [REDACTED]

SOURCE FURNISHED THE NAMES OF AGENTS WHO INTERVIEWED

[REDACTED]
 [REDACTED] (PHOENTIC).

SOURCE UNABLE TO MAKE ANY OTHER COMMENTS ON PHONE
 AND WILL BE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED ON RETURN TO CLEVELAND
 NOVEMBER 15 NEXT. 11

REFERENCED TEL FROM CINCINNATI REFLECTS [REDACTED] WAS
 INTERVIEWED AT FARM OF [REDACTED] BY BUREAU AGENTS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NO NAMES EVER FURNISHED BY CLEVELAND
 TO SOURCE RE THIS MATTER.

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Date: 11/15/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)
 RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU
 KLUX KLAN
 RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
 BUDED 11/16/65

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 DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8/7/65

Re Bureau teletype, 11/15/65.

Source has not returned to Cleveland, Ohio, as of close of business 11/15/65.

Source scheduled to return to place of employment 11/16/65.

Arrangements will be made to interview him and results immediately forwarded to the Bureau.

3 - Bureau (RM)
 3 - Cleveland
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Approved: 201

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TO SAC ¹⁴ CLEVELAND
CINCINNATI

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN),
BUDED NOVEMBER ONE SIX NEXT.

RECVTEL NOVEMBER ONE FOUR LAST.

~~CINCINNATI~~ CLEVELAND COMPLETE INQUIRY AND SUBMIT
RESULTS BY AIRTEL TO REACH THE BUREAU BY NOVEMBER ONE SIX NEXT.

JH:jmw
(3) *gm*

NOTE: Cleveland informant alleged FBI Agent initiated into Klan. Cleveland informant recontacted sources over past weekend, and Cleveland is to thoroughly interview him today concerning allegation. Cincinnati also has informant in position to refute allegation and has been instructed to review membership lists of this organization.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
NOV 10 1965

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220PM URGENT 11-15-65 RPP

TO CLEVELAND

FROM DIRECTOR 1P

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 7-22-88 BY SP8/ty/fat

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN),
BUDED NOVEMBER ONE SIX NEXT.

RECUTEL NOVEMBER ONE FOUR LAST.

CLEVELAND COMPLETE INQUIRY AND SUBMIT RESULTS BY AIRTEL
TO REACH THE BUREAU BY NOVEMBER ONE SIX NEXT.

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9:40 AM EST URGENT 11-15-65 AJ
TO DIRECTOR AND CLEVELAND
FROM CINCINNATI 151605

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KKK RM (KLAN).

RE CLEVELAND TELETYPE NOVEMBER 14 LAST.

[REDACTED] (PROB) ADVISED NOVEMBER 14 LAST CV INFORMANT
[REDACTED] ARRIVED RESIDENCE [REDACTED] WITH MASON OHIO APPROXIMATELY
[REDACTED] LAST AND DEPARTED ABOUT 3 AM [REDACTED]
LAST. IN VIEW OF INFORMATION SET OUT IN RE TELETYPE
IT APPEARS [REDACTED] AND UACB CINCINNATI
CONTEMPLATES NO FURTHER ACTION THIS REGARD.

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516 PM WAR XX EST URGENT 11-15-65 DMG

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, W. MARK FELT,
INSPECTION DIVISION

FROM CINCINNATI (157-245)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KLU KLUX KLAN, RM (KLAN).

RE BUREAU PHONE CALL.

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[REDACTED] (PROB.). EFFORTS CONTINUING. RESULTS

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cc: Mr. Sullivan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WWS*

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

DATE: 11/12/65

1 - Mr. Belmont
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1 - Mr. Sullivan
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My memorandum dated November 10, 1965, reflected that the Cleveland Office had furnished information from probationary racial informant [redacted] alleging that [redacted] of Mason, Ohio, knew an FBI Agent who had been initiated into the Klan. *Xy*

Special Agent [redacted] of the Cleveland Office telephoned [redacted] of the Domestic Intelligence Division at 8 P.M. on November 11, 1965, since Cleveland's teletype was out of order. The informant was recontacted and stated that he was at home of [redacted] when allegations were made and since no other persons present he would [redacted] were interviewed. [redacted]

[redacted] was criticizing Klan [redacted] for [redacted]

[redacted]

Informant is departing Cleveland Saturday afternoon, [redacted] to go to Covington, Kentucky, [redacted] and will visit with [redacted] 19 1965 during week-end with specific purpose of obtaining [redacted] and further details. Informant [redacted] has arranged with employer to take next Monday off if necessary to spend necessary time with [redacted] to develop information.

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN

OBSERVATION:

As pointed out in my earlier memorandum this allegation appears unlikely since the Cincinnati Office has obtained through their informant a list of members initiated in Ohio into this organization. However, these allegations must be completely resolved, and this matter is being closely followed. At the present time it appears the Cleveland informant may be able to obtain the names of the persons involved, and since he would be exposed if [redacted] were interviewed, the Cincinnati Office is withholding any such interviews.

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RECOMMENDATION:

For your information.

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 TO DIRECTOR
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ATTENTION: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR W. MARK FELT INSPECTION DIVISION.

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.
 RE CINCINNATI TEL TO BUREAU NOVEMBER 15 LAST.
 TODAY [REDACTED] (PROB) CONTACTED. HE RECALLED ONE MOUNTAIN
 GEORGIA KLAN RALLY PAST SEPTEMBER AND ADVISED FOLLOWS:

AFTER DISAGREEMENTS AND ARGUMENTS WHICH DEVELOPED DURING
 RALLY [REDACTED] GROVE CITY OHIO KLANSMAN ACCUSED
 [REDACTED] AT THIS POINT

JAMES VENABLE IMPERIAL WIZARD INTERJECTED [REDACTED].
 VENABLE SAID HE HAD CONTACTS WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
 AUTHORITIES WHO COULD VERIFY THIS. INFORMANT IS OF OPINION
 LOCAL AUTHORITIES FRIENDLY WITH VENABLE AND VENABLE HAS
 EXCELLENT STATURE IN COMMUNITY. NEITHER [REDACTED] VENABLE
 SAID THEY HAD FEDERAL OR FBI CONTACTS.

ALSO [REDACTED] SAID NOTHING IN PRESENCE OF INFORMANT ABOUT
 CHECKING OUT [REDACTED] WITH FEDERAL OR FBI CONTACTS.
 INFORMANT HAS NOT DISCUSSED STATEMENTS MADE AT MEETING WITH
 ANYONE.

CLEVELAND AND ATLANTA ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/15/65

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-815) (C)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]
RM - KLAN

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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and seven copies of a LHM concerning subject who is presently [REDACTED] West Alexandria, Ohio.

Investigation in this matter was conducted by SA [REDACTED]

The name of the subject and the group mentioned in LHM has been searched through office indices and no pertinent information located.

No effort was made to [REDACTED] of subject as it was determined at U. S. Post Office, Dayton, Ohio, the subject [REDACTED] is maintained at the West Alexandria, Ohio, Post Office, which Post Office has [REDACTED]

One copy of LHM being disseminated locally to District Postal Inspector.

The source utilized in the LHM is [REDACTED] who furnished info to SA [REDACTED]

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER, U.S. P.O.

DEPT: ISD: CRD

DATE FORW: 11-24-65

HOW FORW: [REDACTED]

By: [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cincinnati, Ohio

November 15, 1965

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RE: [REDACTED]

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On August 27, 1965, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which indicated [REDACTED] West Alexandria, Ohio, had paid \$15.00 and had been initiated into the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. A characterization of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is attached hereto.

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On November 1, 1965, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Preble County Incorporated, Eaton, Ohio, advised records disclosed [REDACTED] had been known to credit files since June 1, 1956. He was described as a white male, age [REDACTED] marital status, married, [REDACTED] children, three, residence address, [REDACTED] West Alexandria, Ohio, previous residence, [REDACTED], West Alexandria, Ohio, employment, [REDACTED] West Alexandria, Ohio, since [REDACTED] previous employment, [REDACTED] Eaton, Ohio, [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] credit rating was considered satisfactory with nothing unfavorable in file.

On October 11, 1965, Sheriff John J. Stover, Preble County Sheriff's Office, Eaton, Ohio, advised records contain no arrest information for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Sheriff Stover was not acquainted with [REDACTED]

On November 1, 1965, Chief Clifford Hawley, West Alexandria, Ohio Police Department, advised records contained no arrest information for [REDACTED]

ENCLOSURE

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RE [REDACTED]

Chief Hawley was acquainted with [REDACTED] whom to his knowledge, has never been the cause of any difficulty in the community. [REDACTED] is presently employed by the [REDACTED] West Alexandria, Ohio, as [REDACTED]

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Memorandum

ATTENTION:

TO : Director, FBI (157-168)

FBI Laboratory, DATE: 11/10/65
Photographic Section

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (157-175)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKK)
aka
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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Transmitted under separate cover by Registered Mail the four rolls of film concerning captioned matter.

On 11/9/65, ROBERT HOYT, News Director, WISH-TV, Indianapolis, Indiana, voluntarily made available to this office four rolls of 16 mm film which a camera crew of the Station had taken at NKKK rally held outside of Dillsboro, Indiana, on 11/6/65.

The sound track on the film is magnetic tape. Three of the reels are the raw film and the fourth is an edited copy which was used on the Station.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to review the raw reels and make two copies for Indianapolis.

It is to be noted that IP does not have a magnetic tape adapter for its 16 mm projector and, therefore, the Laboratory will have to in its reproduction of the film make it usable for the regular projector.

The IP Office would like two prints of the individuals interviewed and those who are nearby. IP is interested in the individual in the plaid shirt and the woman with him in the black dress; also, the two individuals, male and female, who are playing the musical instruments.

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Mr. HOYT requested the Station's copies be returned in ten days.

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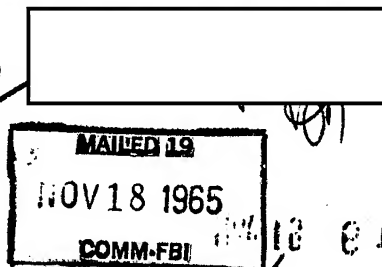
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Reference is made to your communication dated *11/10/65*
☐ negative(s) ☒ film ☐ photograph(s) ☐ document(s) ☐
pertaining to the above-captioned matter.

In accordance with your request ☐ film has been developed
☐ enlargement(s) made
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The above is ☐ attached
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As requested, two prints each were made of individuals mentioned in referenced letter. Also, two silent copies of the 16 mm film have been reproduced, in accordance with instructions from Case Desk supervisor.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)
RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
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RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN
BUDED: 11/16/65

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Re Cincinnati radiogram to the Bureau and Cleveland,
11/15/65, Bureau teletype to Cleveland dated 11/15/65, and
Cleveland airtel to Bureau dated 11/15/65.

Source interviewed November 16, 1965. He advised
he had car trouble and returned to Cleveland at approximately
5:00 AM, 11/16/65.

Source stated he visited [redacted]
Mason, Ohio, at their residence on the night of [redacted]

Source, in conversation with [redacted] discreetly
determined that [redacted]
allegedly claimed was initiated into the Klan sometime between
the middle of [redacted] Source, upon
hearing this name, immediately recalled this to be the same name
mentioned in the first instance by [redacted] Source
determined [redacted] is described as white, male, [redacted]

Source further recalled when [redacted] first
discussed incident [redacted] was driving [redacted]
[redacted] and an antenna on trunk lid.
He asked [redacted] was still driving this car and got no reply.

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Source determined [redacted] talked to [redacted]

[redacted] during Summer, 1965, on the farm of

[redacted] and possibly [redacted] were present.

Source stated that apparently [redacted] paid no attention to [redacted] at the Klan initiations when she accused one of the applicants of being [redacted]

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Source advised he only has had limited contact with [redacted] impresses him as "odd", a profuse name dropper, and no one appears to pay much attention to [redacted]

UACB, no further action is being taken by this office.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

DATE: November 18, 1965

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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My memoranda dated 11-10 and 11-12-65 set forth background regarding information received from the Cleveland Office indicating that a probationary racial informant had alleged that [redacted] had been initiated into the Klan at the farm of Klan [redacted] t, Oregonia, Ohio. This information was obtained by the source from [redacted] of Mason, Ohio. The Cleveland Office was immediately instructed to completely resolve this allegation and to submit explanations for the delay in advising the Bureau of the allegation. Administrative action relative to the delay is being handled separately.

Upon recontact the informant advised that he was certain [redacted] had indicated to him that [redacted] was allegedly initiated into the Klan although [redacted]. The informant could remember no names but advised that [redacted] would be uncooperative if interviewed and stated that he would be [redacted]

The source traveled to Mason, Ohio, over the weekend of [redacted] with the specific purpose of determining all possible information concerning this allegation. He traveled on to Kentucky and upon his return to the Cleveland territory was interviewed by the Cleveland Office on November 16, 1965. This source advised that in conversation with [redacted] he had determined that [redacted] is the name of [redacted] claimed was initiated into the Klan. Source immediately recalled that this was the same name [redacted] had mentioned during the earlier conversation, which he had been unable to remember. [redacted] was described as a white male, [redacted] allegedly drove a [redacted] 1969.

[redacted] claimed that [redacted] one knew on sight were [redacted] met during the Summer 1965 at the farm of [redacted] It is to be noted that although this source was unaware of this information, [redacted] did appear at the farm of [redacted] while [redacted] were being interviewed by [redacted] of the Cincinnati Office, who were handling an official investigation regarding threatening letters received by [redacted] In view of the similarity of names, it appears that these are [redacted] knows on sight. There has been no allegation [redacted] are in any way sympathetic with the Klan.

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Memorandum Baumgardner to Sullivan
RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Observations

[redacted] was, of course, [redacted]
[redacted] of the Cincinnati Office and in connection with press releases and public appearances, his name became well-known throughout the Ohio area covered by the Cincinnati Office. The source has advised that although he has had only limited contact with [redacted] b6 b7C
impresses him as "odd," a profuse name dropper and no one appears to pay much attention [redacted] In view of the foregoing information, it is apparent that no credence can be placed in her allegation to the source that a [redacted] was initiated into the Klan and no further action is warranted.

ACTION:

For information.

JH *SMC* *gts* *V.* *[Signature]*
[Signature] *[Signature]*

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE OF CASE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, aka.		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY /SWM
		CHARACTER OF CASE RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)	

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REFERENCE: IP airtels and letterhead memoranda 11/5 and 8/65.

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Informants

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: 11/24/65

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Bureau File #: 157-168

Title: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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Synopsis:

Attempted rally on 11/6/65 at Dillsboro, Indiana,
stopped by Dearborn County Circuit Court restraining
order. Two people arrested at Dillsboro, Indiana.

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Confidential informant [] on November 7, 1965, advised that he attended the rally at Dillsboro, Indiana, on November 6, 1965. [] advised that, as he entered the field for the activities, a Sheriff stopped him and read a court order which restrained the Klan from having a rally.

[] advised that [] had JAMES VENABLE arrived about 3:30 PM and that VENABLE informed those present there would be no rally and he, VENABLE, did not wish to go against the court order forbidding the rally.

[] advised that, after VENABLE had completed his press conference, they went to the home of [] in Ohio where there were about a dozen people.

[] advised that it was ascertained that two people had been arrested at Dillsboro, Indiana, and a collection was taken up for the wife of one of these individuals.

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stated he would ask the Dearborn Circuit Court to issue a restraining order to prevent the holding of the rally. [redacted] stated he would seek the order under the provisions of the 1947 Indiana Anti-Hate Law which, he said, was aimed at such groups as the Klan.

The records of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Dearborn County, Indiana, reveals that [redacted], Dearborn County, filed a petition for a restraining order. On November 5, 1965, Judge BAKER, Dearborn Circuit Court, issued a restraining order forbidding the KKK from conducting a rally in Dearborn County until further order of the court.

On November 6, 1965, [redacted] Indiana State Police, in charge of [redacted] at Dillsboro, Indiana, advised that approximately 40 people showed up for the rally. He estimated the sightseers at about 160 people.

He advised that, as each individual attempted to go into the field where the rally was to be held, the Sheriff read to each one the restraining order which had been obtained [redacted] Dearborn County Prosecutor, from the Dearborn Circuit Court. The restraining order forbade the meeting under the provisions of the 1947 Indiana Anti-Hate Law.

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[redacted] advised two arrests were made by the Sheriff. One was [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for playing the drums which he had brought along, and another individual by the name of [redacted] was arrested for putting on his Klan robes. *Ind.*

On November 6, 1965, [redacted] advised these individuals were not arrested but attached because the action is not one of a criminal nature. He advised both were being held in Dearborn County Jail with bail set at \$5,000 each. *Ind.*

On November 8, 1965, both were fined \$50 each and court costs and given a 90-day suspended sentence.

Both of these individuals were not photographed or fingerprinted because this was a civil violation, and [redacted] felt it would not be right to do so in view of this.

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DETAILS:

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)

A characterization of the NKKKK is set forth in the Appendix of this report.

NKKKK Rally
November 6-7, 1965
Dillsboro, Indiana

The "Indianapolis Star," a daily newspaper published in Indianapolis, Indiana, in its October 31, 1965, issue carried a story that an organizer for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Ohio said yesterday the Klan would hold its first Indiana rally in many years next week end about 50 miles south of Indianapolis.

The story revealed that ~~PARKIE~~ SCOTT, of Lebanon, Ohio, Kleagle of the Ohio KKK, said the exact site would be announced later in the week.

SCOTT, according to the story, stated there would be activities from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM Saturday, and from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on next Sunday. The speaker was listed as the Grand Wizard JAMES VENABLE, of Atlanta, Georgia.

On November 4, 1965, confidential informant [redacted] advised that [redacted] had set up a Klan rally to be held in Dillsboro, Indiana, on November 6 and 7, 1965.

Activities of Indiana State Officials

The "Indianapolis Star," edition of November 4, 1965, revealed in a story that JOHN J. DILLON, Indiana Attorney General, stated that he had ordered the Indiana State Police to put the rally "under surveillance and report back to my office."

On November 4, 1965, [redacted] Lawrenceburg, Indiana, Dearborn County [redacted] in which county Dillsboro, Indiana, is located, advised he had heard the Klan planned a rally this next week end on a farm leased by [redacted] of Dillsboro. [redacted]

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Indianapolis, Indiana

November 24, 1965

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Title	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
Character	RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
Reference	Report of SA [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above, at Indianapolis, Indiana.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Confidential informant [REDACTED] has been contacted an insufficient number of times to determine reliability.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-4963) (C)

9/17/65
 0 ~~NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN~~
 RALLY, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA,
 7/17/65
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Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 8/4/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight (8)
 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned
 matter.

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ICG and Service, New Orleans, also being furnished
 copies of above mentioned letterhead memorandum for their
 information.

It is noted that list of owners of license numbers
 observed at captioned rally has been indexed in New Orleans
 Office and film has been returned to television stations
 after the Bureau made a copy of film for New Orleans Office.

- ③- Bureau
 2- New Orleans

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER
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DATE FORW: 11-29-65

HOW FORW: JAS

BY: JAS

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Approved: *[Signature]*
 Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana
November 20, 1965

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RALLY, BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA,
JULY 17, 1965

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 27, 1963

Mr. DON SWANE, News Director, WLLA-TV, Channel 12, Shreveport-Louisiana, Shreveport, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

His station covered the Klan rally in Bogalusa Parish, Louisiana on the night of July 17, 1963. SWANE furnished one roll of silent film and one roll of sound film, which he stated was all of the film made of the Klan rally by his station. He said the film was never shown by his station.

On 9/3/63 at Shreveport, Louisiana File # MO 157-1043

by Special Agent [redacted] /mfp Date dictated 9/10/63

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Date September 27, 1965

Mr. BILL MOORE, News Editor, WMAI-TV, Channel 5, Shreveport, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

His station had three camera men at the Klan rally in Bossier Parish the night of July 17, 1965. MOORE furnished seven small rolls of silent film and seven rolls of sound film, which he stated is metallic film and must be shown on a special projector. He advised the film is in many different rolls because it was cut from the main rolls for showing and has not been replaced to the main rolls.

On 9/10/65 at Shreveport, Louisiana File # NO 157-4905

by **Special Agent** **wp** Date dictated 9/10/65

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Date September 17, 19651

Mr. HENRY HAYNE, News Director, KHNH-TV,
Channel 3, 312 East Kingshighway, Shreveport,
Louisiana, furnished the following information:

His station covered the Klan rally in
Bossier Parish, Louisiana, the night of July 17, 1965.
He is unable to locate the film.

On 9/16/65 at Shreveport, Louisiana File # MO 157-4963

Special Agent

by

Date dictated 9/19/65

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NATIONAL KU KLUX KLAN, also known as
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.,
National Grand Council of the Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan, National Knights
of the Ku Klux Klan, Majority Citizens
League

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the klans unity of effort and activities, to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Hyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2 - 5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

This source also advised that at a consolidation meeting at Savannah, Georgia, October 3, 1960, it was resolved and passed that in any future meetings of this group the name "Majority Citizens League" was to be used.

[redacted] source advised that at a National Klonklave meeting at Texarkana, Texas, on February 11 - 12, 1961, a motion was carried that there were to be at least six national meetings a year to be held any time from one week to twelve weeks after the last meeting. The time and meeting place were to be decided by the newly-elected chairman. [redacted] source also advised that at each meeting a new chairman and acting secretary were to be elected to serve at the next meeting. A national secretary had not been appointed.

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Optional Form No. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: *AMM* SAC, CHARLOTTE

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka
RM (KLAN)

BUFILE NO.: 157-168
CHARLOTTE FILE NO.: 157-193
COLUMBIA FILE NO.: 157-645

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448, 449, 453, 454, 457, 458 (SEE PAGE TWO)
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1-Bureau
1-Birmingham (105-469)
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1-Kansas City
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1-Louisville
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1-New Orleans (157-188)
1-Savannah (157-210)
1-Tampa (157-72)
1-San Antonio
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Charlotte is maintaining all copies of the following serials:

425 - 432, 435 - 438, 440 - 443, 445 - 447,
450-452, 455, 456, 459 - 471, 473, 475 - 479; 1A-13, 1A-14,
1A-15

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (157-168) DATE: 11/30/65

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-188)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RM (ORGANIZATION)SOG ACTION:
(Records Branch)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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☐ File

This case will be delinquent.

Date of Bureau deadline: 11/30/65

Reason for the delinquency: Case Agent assigned to expedite civil rights and racial matters, including "OKKKK", NO 105-1057; "UNSUB, Officer, Washington Parish SO; BILLY BRISTER - VICTIM, NO 44-2811; "VOTER DISCRIMINATION, STATE OF LA." NO 56-267.
Date the report or necessary communication will reach the Bureau:

12/17/65

AEC zone designation; e. g., OR, CH, etc.:
(This applies only to 116 cases.)☒ No administrative action necessary.

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6 20 PM EST URGENT 11-27-65 AHQ

TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND, AND ATLANTA

FROM CINCINNATI 2P (157-245)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP-1 JPB

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RM-KLAN. OO: ATLANTA.

RE CINCINNATI TEL TO CLEVELAND NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE LAST.

ON ELEVEN TWENTYFIVE LAST [REDACTED] (PROB)

ADVISED THE FOLLOWING:

[REDACTED] IS PLANNING ON HOLDING CLOSED MEETING ELEVEN
TWENTYEIGHT NEXT AT DAVID HALL, CLEVELAND, OHIO. POSSIBILITY EXISTS
THIS MEETING WILL NOT TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED.-

TODAY [REDACTED] (PROB) ADVISED CLOSED KLAN MEETING
DEFINITELY SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE DAVID HALL CLEVELAND ELEVEN TWENTY-
EIGHT NEXT. APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED PERSONS MAY BE IN ATTENDANCE.

[REDACTED] CLEVELAND AND [REDACTED] OHIO INVITED AND
EXPECTED TO ATTEND. SOURCE BELIEVES PURPOSE MEETING TO
OBTAIN BACKING NKKK AND PERSUADE AGAINST ALIGNMENT WITH UNITED KLANS
OF AMERICA. [REDACTED] BELIEVED TO BE ORGANIZING MEETING.-

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PAGE TWO

CLEVELAND ALERT AND ADVISE LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO TAKE ANY ACTION
DEEMED APPROPRIATE IF MEETING TAKES PLACE. CINCINNATI SOURCE WILL
NOT BE COMPROMISED. CLEVELAND PREVIOUSLY ADVISED TO ALERT
SOURCES TO VERIFY ABOVE.-

CINCINNATI FOLLOWING WITH SOURCE AND WILL FOLLOW PERTINENT
DEVELOPMENTS.

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CORR CINCINNATI FILE IS 157-245

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Date: 11/30/65

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: Director, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, Cleveland (100-10261)

0 NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RM - KLAN

OO: Atlanta

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 8-23-88 BY SP-5Re Cincinnati tel to the Bureau, Cleveland and Atlanta,
11/27/65.Enclosed for the Bureau, Atlanta and Cincinnati are
designated number of copies of LHM.First source is [redacted] (Probationary), who furnished
information to SA [redacted] at Cincinnati, Ohio.b2
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- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (157-916) (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 5 - Cincinnati (157-245) (Enc. 5) (RM)

(1 - 170-15: [redacted])

1 [redacted]

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- 6 - Cleveland

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[redacted] source is [redacted] Racial Informant
- Probationary, who furnished information to SA [redacted]
[redacted] at Cleveland, Ohio.

[redacted] Bureau of Special Investigation,
Cleveland Police Dept., advised on 11/29/65 that his source is
a reporter, identity not divulged, for the "Cleveland Press,"
a daily afternoon newspaper published at Cleveland, Ohio, who
is gathering material for a story or expose on the Klan and
who has infiltrated and joined the Klan for this purpose.

[redacted] advised that he will maintain close
contact with this source to keep abreast of Klan developments
in the Cleveland area.

Source [redacted] was invited to attend the Klan meeting
at David Hall in Cleveland, Ohio, on 11/28/65. [redacted]
[redacted] and was unable to attend
this meeting. He is [redacted]
[redacted]; however, it is believed he can still
furnish limited information to the Cleveland Office until
[redacted]

LHM classified "~~Confidential~~" as data reported could
reasonably result in identification of confidential informants
of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness
thereof.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

November 30, 1965

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ON 8-22-88

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)

A characterization of captioned organization
appears in the Appendix.

On November 30, 1965, a source who has furnished
reliable information in the past advised a closed Klan meeting
was held at David Hall in Cleveland, Ohio, November 28, 1965.
This meeting was organized by [redacted], a Klan member who
resides [redacted] Oregonia, Ohio. It was expected approximately
100 individuals would be present; however, only 53 persons were
in attendance at the meeting. Twenty-five individuals were
initiated into the Klan during the meeting.

The identities of the individuals initiated are not
known at this time. The real purpose of the meeting was to
establish a Klavern in the Cleveland, Ohio, area and
even though it is believed the Klavern is now presently
established, the headquarters location has not been set up.

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A President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer
were elected to operate the Klavern at a future date during
the meeting. The identities of these officers are not
currently known. There were no national Klan figures present
during the meeting.

[redacted] KU KLUX KLAN MEMBER
[redacted] a local Klansman from Cincinnati, Ohio,
was present during the meeting. It is not believed that Mink
acted in any official capacity.

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Re: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK) MEMBERS

[redacted] from Cleveland, Ohio, was also present during the meeting.

[redacted] source, with whom contact has not been sufficient to determine reliability, advised on November 30, 1965, that an individual named [redacted] was elected [redacted] and an individual named [redacted] was elected [redacted] of the Cleveland Klavern #6, NKKKK, at a meeting held on Sunday, November 28, 1965, at David Hall, 4105 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

On November 29, 1965, [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department, advised that he had received the following information from one of his sources on November 28, 1965.

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This source informed [redacted] that the NKKKK held a meeting that same date at David Hall, 4105 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Approximately 50 people were at this meeting, and approximately 22 people took the Klan oath and were initiated into the Klan. The main speaker at the meeting was from the Cincinnati, Ohio, area and had a mustache.

The source pointed out an individual to [redacted] and stated that he was [redacted] of the Klan Klavern that had just been established at the meeting. Sergeant Ungvary informed that this individual is known to him as Loyal Johns, who retired from a position as investigator with the City of Cleveland Board of Education.

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Date: 12/8/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-224)SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
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RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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On December 7, 1965, [redacted] protect per request) [redacted] Eagles Hall, 738 York Street, Newport, Kentucky, advised SA [redacted] that Eagles Hall has been rented for the afternoon of December 12, 1965, for a meeting to commence at 1:00 PM, nature of the meeting not known to [redacted]. However, rent was paid by a check signed by [redacted] on the account of the Whitehorse Agency, [redacted] Oregonia, Ohio, at the Waynesville National Bank, Waynesville, Ohio.

It appears that the captioned group plans to hold a meeting at the Eagles Hall on December 12, 1965. Newport, Kentucky, Police Department, as well as Kentucky State Police, Military Intelligence and Secret Service have been notified locally.

Bureau will be advised of results of meeting if held.

3-Bureau (RM)
2-Cincinnati (157-245) (RM)
2-Cleveland (100-10261) (RM)
1-Atlanta (157-60) (RM)
2-Louisville
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Approved: [Signature] DEC 14 1965
Special Agent in Charge

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LS 157-224

Cincinnati and Cleveland submitted for your information, and in event informants of your divisions are in a position and available to attend instant meeting, Louisville recommends such attendance as Louisville has no informants at this time in a position to attend.

Atlanta copy furnished as office of origin.

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THE LOUISVILLE OFFICE

AT NEWPORT, KENTUCKY:

Alert sources and follow and report developments regarding possible 12/12/65 meeting.

Optional Form No. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 12/1/65

FROM: *gjh* SAC, Savannah

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka
ASSOCIATION OF KLANS IN AMERICA, KKKK
RM (KLAN)

BUFILE NO: 157-168
SAVANNAH FILE NO: 157-290
COLUMBIA FILE NO: 157-140

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1. 1 cc SVrep of SA [redacted] 2/2/62
2. 1 cc SVrep of SA [redacted] 8/14/62
3. 1 cc ATlhm, 8/15/62
4. 1 cc ATairtel to Bureau, 8/15/62
5. 1 cc CElhm, 8/16/62
6. 1 cc CEairtel to Bureau, 8/16/62
7. 1 cc KXlhm, 8/16/62
8. 1 cc KXairtel to Bureau, 8/16/62
9. 1 cc SVlhm, 10/17/62
10. SVairtel to Bureau, 10/18/62, 1 cc
11. FD 306, 10/16/62
12. FD 306, 10/16/62
13. SVlhm, 1/18/63, 1 cc
14. 1 cc SVairtel to Bureau, 1/18/63
15. FD 306, 1/16/63
16. SVlhm, 4/12/63, 1 cc
17. 1 cc SVairtel to Bureau, 4/12/63
18. 1 cc ATlhm, 5/10/63
19. 1 cc ATairtel to Bureau, 5/10/63
20. 1 cc SVairtel to Bureau, 6/3/63 (and lhm)
21. 1 cc MMlhm, 6/12/63
22. 1 cc MMairtel to Bureau, 6/12/63
23. FD 306, 5/28/63
24. 1 cc SVlhm, 8/16/63
25. 1 cc SVairtel to Bureau, 8/16/63
26. FD 306, 8/7/63
27. 1 cc SVlhm, 9/10/63
28. 1 cc SVairtel to Bureau, 9/10/63
29. 1 cc ATlhm, 9/9/63
30. 1 cc ATairtel to Bureau, 9/9/63
31. 1 cc ATlhm, 9/9/63
32. 1 cc ATairtel to Bureau, 9/9/63
33. FD 306, 9/6/63
34. FD 306, 9/6/63
35. FD 306, 9/4/63
36. FD 306, 9/7/63
37. SVlhm, 12/4/63
38. SVairtel to Bureau, 12/4/63
39. 1 cc ATlhm, 12/2/63
40. 1 cc ATairtel to Bureau, 12/2/63
41. 1 cc FD 306, 12/4/63
42. 1 cc MMlhm, 1/15/64
43. 1 cc MMairtel to Bureau, 1/15/64
44. 1 cc SVlhm, 3/11/64
45. 1 cc SVairtel to Bureau, 3/11/64
46. 1 cc ATlhm, 3/12/64
47. 1 cc ATairtel to Bureau, 3/12/64
48. ATrep of SA [redacted] 4/2/64
49. FD 306, 3/10/64
50. SVlhm, 4/13/64

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- 51. SVairtel to Bureau, 6/13/64
- 52. FD 306, 6/10/64
- 53. FD 306, 6/15/64 (photostat)
- 54. FD 306, 9/12/64
- 55. CEIhm, 10/2/64, 1 cc
- 56. 1 cc CEairtel to Bureau, 10/2/64
- 57. 1 cc SVIhm, 10/6/64
- 58. 1 cc SVairtel to Bureau, 10/6/64
- 59. FD 306, 9/16/64
- 60. ATrep of SA [REDACTED] 10/20/64
- 61. 1 cc CEairtel to AT, 1/21/65
- 62. 1 cc SVIhm, 1/29/65
- 63. 1 cc SVairtel to Bureau, 1/29/65
- 64. Newspaper clipping, "Savannah Evening Press", 2/24/65
- 65. 1 cc ATIhm, 3/9/65
- 66. 1 cc ATairtel to Bureau, 3/9/65
- 67. 1 cc ATIhm, 4/5/65
- 68. 1 cc ATairtel to Bureau, 4/5/65
- 69. CETel to AT, 4/11/65
- 70. SVIhm, 4/15/65, 1 cc
- 71. SVairtel to Bureau, 4/15/65, 1 cc
- 72. 1 cc ATIhm, 4/12/65
- 73. 1 cc ATairtel to Bureau, 4/13/65
- 74. FD 306, 4/13/65
- 75. 1 cc CEIhm, 10/2/64
- 76. 1 cc CEairtel to Bureau, 10/2/64
- 77. FD 306, 4/12/65
- 78. FD 306, 4/12/65
- 79. 1 cc Bulet to Cincinnati, 6/8/65
- 80. ATrep of SA [REDACTED] 6/30/65
- 81. NOIhm, 8/6/65
- 82. 1 cc ATlet to Bureau and attached Ihm, 8/16/65
- 83. CEIhm, 9/2/65
- 84. CEairtel to Bureau, 9/2/65
- 85. FD 306, 9/6/65
- 86. SVIhm, 9/8/65
- 87. 1 cc SVairtel to Bureau, 9/8/65
- 88. BHairtel to AT, 8/10/65
- 89. FD 306, 9/6/65

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9 56 AM EST URGENT 12/9/65 MAU
TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND LOUISVILLE
FROM CINCINNATI (157-245)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN; RM - KLAN

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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP4 JAT

TODAY, [REDACTED] (PROB) AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (PROB) ADVISED FOLLOWS:

[REDACTED] HAS SCHEDULED CLOSED KLAN MEETING FOR DECEMBER
TWELVE, NEXT, FROM ONE PM - SIX PM AT EAGLES LODGE HALL, THIRD
FLOOR, NEWPORT, KENTUCKY. PURPOSE MEETING TO ELECT OR APPOINT
GRAND DRAGON, STATE OF OHIO. JAMES VENABLE DEFINITELY SCHEDULED
TO APPEAR AND POSSIBLY [REDACTED] WILL BE PRESENT

APPROXIMATE NUMBER PEOPLE WHO MIGHT ATTEND UNKNOWN

ATLANTA AT ATLANTA AND TUCKER, GEORGIA, CONTACT SOURCES TO 1965
VERIFY VENABLE'S AND [REDACTED] SCHEDULED APPEARANCES AND MODE
OF TRAVEL.

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MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

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FBI LOUISVLE

4:21 PM EST URGENT 12-10-65 PMB

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA /157-60/, CINCINNATI /157-245/, A

CLEVELAND /100-10261/

FROM LOUISVILLE /157-224/ 2P

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., AKA
RM KLAN. OO ATLANTA.

RE LOUISVILLE AIRTEL TO BUREAU DE. EIGHT LAST,
CINCINNATI TEL TO BUREAU DEC. NINE LAST AND ATLANTA RADIOGRAM
TO BUREAU DEC. TEN INSTANT.

OFFICIALS, FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES, NEWPORT, KY.,
WHEN ADVISED KKK SURREPTITIOUSLY HAD RENTED HALL FOR MEETING
DEC. TWELVE NEXT STATED KLAN DEFINITELY WILL NOT BE
ALLOWED USE OF HALL AND FIFTEEN DOLLAR DEPOSIT BEING
RETURNED.

ACCORDING TO KLAN SOURCES, [REDACTED] OREGONIA,
OHIO, DISTRIBUTING LETTERS RE MEETING TO KLAN MEMBERS
ADVISING PURPOSE WAS TO IDENTIFY GRAND DRAGON FOR STATE OF
OHIO. JAMES B. VENABLE AND [REDACTED] ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
WERE TO BE PRESENT.

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ATLANTA, CINCINNATI, AND CLEVELAND, CONTACT SOURCES TO
DETERMINE NEW MEETING TIME AND PLACE, IF ANY.

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LOUISVILLE AT NEWPORT, ALERT APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT
AUTHORITIES. ABOVE INFORMATION TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED SA
[REDACTED] COVINGTON RA, TODAY.

CINCINNATI FOLLOW PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS THROUGH CONTACT
WITH SOURCES.

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cc - Mr. Sullivan

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA (157-60) CINCINNATI (157-245)
AND CLEVELAND (100-10261)
FROM LOUISVILLE (157-224)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., AKA. P
KLAN. OO: ATLANTA.

RE LOUISVILLE TEL DEC. TEN LAST.

ON DEC. ELEVEN INST. CHARLES ETSINGER, REPORTED,
CINCINNATI, OHIO INQUIRER, DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED
CINCINNAT, OHIO, ADVISED PARKIE SCOTT, ORGANIA, OHIO,
KLAN MEMBER CONTACTED HIM TELEPHONICALLY RE KLAN
MEETING SCHEDULED EAGLES HALL, NEWPORT, KY., DEC. TWELVE
NEXT.

SCOTT TOLD ETSINGER HE HAD INFO EAGLE OFFICIALS
REFUSING KLAN ACCESS TO HALL FOR METTING BUT SCOTT INDICATED
KLAN STILL PLANNED TO HAVE MEETING THERE AND WOULD APPEAR
AND DEMAND ENTRANCE.

CHIEF UPSHERE WHITE, NEWPORT PD, ADVISED OF ABOVE INFO.
AND LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED WITH PD.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-3749)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-408) (P)

RE: CECIL WAYNE SMITH
RM (KLAN)

OO: SA

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Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau, 11/27/65, and
San Antonio teletype to Dallas and Houston, 12/9/65.

Enclosed to the Bureau are 14 copies of LHM dated
and captioned as above.

Two copies each of the LHM are being furnished
Atlanta, Birmingham, Dallas and Houston. One copy each of
the LHM has been disseminated locally to OSI, 10th District,
ONI, 8th Naval District, and 112th INTC. Two copies of the
LHM have been furnished Secret Service, San Antonio.

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Copies of this communication are being furnished Atlanta as office of origin in case involving the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Copies of this communication are furnished Birmingham as office of origin in the case involving the United Klans of America, Inc.

Copies of this communication are furnished Dallas and Houston as information contained in LHM is of interest to each of these offices. In this regard, it is noted that subject advised that a meeting of the heads of all groups of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and of the United Klans of America, Inc., will be held to discuss consolidating into a Texas-only group and severing from the national organizations.

On 12/10/65, KENNETH WEISMAN, Agent in Charge, Austin Detail, U. S. Secret Service, Austin, Texas, and [redacted] Special Agent, 1001 Detachment, OSI, Bergstrom AFB, Texas, were advised of the information that [redacted] of Bergstrom AFB, Texas, and Monroe, La., was reportedly an organizer for the United Klans of America, Inc., and of the information that two men at Bergstrom AFB reportedly had been initiated into that organization.

For the information of the Bureau, the two men initiated into the United Klans of America, Inc., by the subject on the evening of 12/9/65, at Austin, as mentioned in interview with informant on [redacted] were [redacted] whose names are not set out in LHM as it is felt that to do so [redacted] the informant.

[redacted] status and identity is set out in San Antonio letter to Bureau, 12/3/65, captioned [redacted] JR., RACIAL INFORMANT (PROB).

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Identity of Source

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[redacted] Intelligence Officer, Austin Police
Department, identified his source utilized as set out in this
LHM a [redacted]
[redacted] Austin, Texas.

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SAN ANTONIO

AT AUSTIN, TEXAS

Will continue to follow the activities of subject
in this matter.

CLASSIFICATION

Enclosed LHM is classified "~~CONFIDENTIAL~~" inasmuch
as it contains information from [redacted] an informant of continuing
value, the unauthorized disclosure of which could result in
identification and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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San Antonio, Texas
December 10, 1965

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[redacted] On [redacted] advised [redacted]
[redacted] contacted [redacted] by telephone and asked if [redacted]
[redacted] had made up his mind about joining the Ku Klux Klan. [redacted]
[redacted] told [redacted] he had not. [redacted] then told [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] the United Klans
of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. [redacted] said

[redacted]
presumed was held in East Texas.

[redacted] did not mention either a meeting
place or a telephone number for the Klan in Austin.

[redacted] told him that should he attend a
meeting, [redacted] should bring another person with him. [redacted]
presumed the other person would be considered a possible
recruit.

[redacted] reminded him that [redacted] could
be contacted through [redacted] in Austin.

[redacted] said he was inclined to doubt statements made
as when he had spoken with [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he was of the opinion that [redacted]
would not be successful in organizing the Ku Klux Klan in Austin
as [redacted] did not believe students at the University of Texas

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would find the Klan attractive and that the public generally did not want the Klan in Austin.

On November 30, 1965, [redacted] Registrar's Office, The University of Texas, advised there was no record on [redacted] ever having attended the University of Texas and being classified as a student.

On November 30, 1965, [redacted] Registrar's Office, Division of Extension School, Correspondence Section, The University of Texas, advised that [redacted], who gave his birth date as [redacted] Austin, Texas, and his address as [redacted] Austin, Texas, enrolled in a night school course, Economics 303, on September 15, 1965. She said grades for this course had not yet been reported and there was no indication that [redacted] had dropped this course.

[redacted] noted [redacted] enrollment fee was \$37.50 which he had paid by presenting a check in the amount of \$50.00, signed by [redacted]

She advised that normally to enroll a person would need a high school diploma or an equivalency thereof, or pass a test, however, [redacted] instance this apparently was waived.

She said that the waiving of these requirements was not out of the ordinary.

In conclusion [redacted] was not considered a student at the University of Texas.

On December 1, 1965, [redacted] Registrar's Office, The University of Texas, Austin, Texas, advised that [redacted] who is classified as a junior at the University of Texas, records her date of birth as [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois, and her parent as [redacted] Illinois.

[redacted]

The official student directory of the University of Texas for 1965-66 lists [redacted] as a resident of [redacted] Austin, Texas, and her telephone number as Greenwood 8-3507. Her permanent residence address is shown as [redacted] Chicago, [redacted] Illinois, her classification as junior in the College of Business Administration, and her sorority affiliation as Sigma Delta Tau.

On December 6, 1965, [redacted] Intelligence Officer, Criminal Investigation Division, Austin, Texas Police Department, said a citizen who did not desire to reveal his identity, reported that on November 29, 1965, the citizen observed a 1949 Chevrolet, two door, bearing Louisiana license [redacted] and dark blue in color, stopped in Zilker Park in Austin. This citizen observed a man moving papers or pamphlets from the back seat of this car to the trunk of the car and these papers or pamphlets had Ku Klux Klan written on them.

Later on December 6, 1965 [redacted] advised that a confidential source of his had been contacted by [redacted] [redacted] who, the source noted, was driving an old car with Louisiana license [redacted]

[redacted] told his source that there were 42 members of the United Klans of America, Inc., in Austin, and that this group consisted primarily of students of the University of Texas, however, three university professors and a U. S. Air Force Major stationed at Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas, were also members.

[redacted] also told [redacted] source, according to [redacted] that this organization had a bank account and that the organization had been chartered. Further, that he, [redacted] was [redacted] of this newly chartered group. He said [redacted] told this source that [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] of the United Klans of America, Inc., planned a trip to Texas and probably would visit Austin, however, no date was mentioned for this proposed visit to Texas. [redacted] said [redacted] told his source that the Klan might have another march in Austin before Christmas and that this march would be concerned with integration rather than the Vietnam matter.

He said [redacted] also told this source that he, [redacted] was at that time looking for some private property to rent in order to hold a "mask on" type of rally.

In conclusion, [redacted] said this source described [redacted] as apparently "wacky enough to be telling the truth" and "indiscreet" to say the least.

On December 8, 1965, [redacted] advised [redacted] had again contacted this source and advised the source that he was going to Crockett, Texas, on [redacted], where there would be a meeting to elect a Grand Dragon of the United Klans of America, Inc., for the State of Texas.

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On December 7, 1965, [redacted] Charter Division, Secretary of State's Office, Capitol Building, Austin, Texas, advised she could not locate either a charter or application for a charter for the United Klans of America, Inc., or any other organization which she could determine to be affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan.

On December 7, 1965, [redacted], Statistician, Texas Highway Department, and a resident of [redacted] Austin, Texas, advised that he rented his beach house located at his home address to [redacted] from about [redacted]. He said that [redacted] left owing him money.

[redacted] said he observed nothing out of the ordinary during this residence by [redacted]. He said that he has known [redacted] since 1957 when both were interested in scuba diving and were members of the Austin Underwater Society.

[redacted]
[redacted] said that [redacted] is given to great exaggeration in his conversations.

In conclusion, [redacted] said that he was curious as on this date he had returned a letter received at his home address from a pathologist located in Medical Arts Square, in Austin, and this letter was addressed to [redacted] and he was not aware of the fact that [redacted] was married.

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On December 8, 1965, [redacted] appeared at the Austin Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and showed FBI Agents the following:

A pamphlet entitled "The Seven Symbols of the Klan", issued by the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Box 657, Tucker, Georgia.

A pamphlet entitled "The Light of Right", distributed by JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, N.K.K.K.K., Post Office Box 107, Tucker, Georgia.

A pamphlet entitled "National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan", a message from Honorable JAMES R. VENABLE, Tucker, Georgia.

An application for citizenship in the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Post Office Box 107, Tucker, Georgia.

A leaflet entitled "The Fiery Cross" issued by the United Klans of America, Suite 401, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

A copy of a newspaper, The Fiery Cross, shown as an official publication, United Klans of America, 401 Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, bearing no date, with the lead item reading "An introduction to the Ku Klux Klan".

A copy of The Fiery Cross with the lead item, "Sex and Civil Rights".

[redacted]

A copy of a newspaper Highlander Folk School, bearing no date, with the notation reprinted by courtesy of United Klans of America, Suite 401, Augston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

[redacted] advised he is organizing a Klavern of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Austin, Texas, and is having some success though he could not reveal the number or identity of the members accepted into the Klavern as this would be against the rules.

He said, more than likely, there will be a meeting in Texas in the near future of the heads of all organizations of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and of all organizations of the United Klans of America, Inc., in Texas. He said there has been talk of uniting these two groups and of severing relations with the national organizations. He said that then in effect it would be a group composed only of Texas members [redacted]

[redacted] said that his hope is that this will be effected.

He said the Austin group contemplates no official acts in Austin such as rallies or marches until this unification matter has been settled.

[redacted] advised that if the group of Texas members is formed, it would try to follow the original teachings, of the true teachings of the Klan, and would neither partake in nor permit the harrassment of any individual or group. That neither terror nor violence would be tolerated.

He said that as a matter of fact, under no circumstances, would the Austin group tolerate harrassment, violence or terror, and that should any member of the group perform any such act he personally would identify this individual to authorities.

[redacted]

[redacted] said his reason for organizing in Austin is to try and let the public know what is really going on in the world.

He said that the group in Austin is making up Christmas packages to be distributed to the needy in Austin.

[redacted] said this group does not have office space.

He said he was of the opinion that should the group have either a march or a rally in the future, that probably only about 101 would show up as so many are desirous of protecting their identity due to their jobs or professions.

In conclusion, [redacted] said he is presently unemployed, though he expects obtaining employment delivering telephone books, and that he presently is residing in the residence of his parents at 610 Crestland, Austin, Texas.

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The characterizations of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, is contained in the Appendix hereto.

The characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (United Klans), State of Texas organization, is contained in the Appendix hereto.

The characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is contained as an Appendix hereto.

On December 8, 1965, [redacted] advised that he had been contacted by [redacted] who said that a meeting of the United Klans of America, Inc., in Texas, would be held at Midway, Texas, the evening of December 10, 1965, for the purpose of electing a Grand Dragon of Texas. [redacted] that Midway was located near Crockett, Texas. Also that the movie "The Birth of a Nation" would be shown at this meeting.

[redacted]

On December 10, 1965, [redacted] advised the previous evening [redacted] stated two men had been initiated into the United Klans of America, Inc., as honorary members.

[redacted] also advised that [redacted] of Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas, and Monroe, Louisiana, was a Kleagle, which [redacted] described as an [redacted] of the United Klans [redacted] also made mention that two men at Bergstrom Air Force Base had recently been initiated into this organization.

[redacted] told him that [redacted] held a fourth degree brown belt in "karate" and was training two members of the Klan in "karate", purely for defensive purposes.

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[redacted] reiterated that he was opposed to purposely violating the law, but that the Klan now had the services of a Houston attorney should such services be needed.

[redacted] again mentioned the state meeting in Midway the evening of December 10, 1965, and said that the office of Grand Dragon of Texas probably would go to either [redacted] of Houston, Texas.

[redacted] told him that [redacted] was [redacted] in Austin, and said that no other officers had been elected in the Austin group.

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UNITED KLANS)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, show that this klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

[redacted] source [redacted] source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, The Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The organization is directed by [redacted] and is the dominant klan group in the South with units in several southern states.

On August 14, 1961, [redacted] source advised that the organization formerly known as United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., would be known in the future as United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The second source said the name was changed by a resolution adopted at the National Klonvokation held July 8, 1961, at Indian Springs, Georgia.

[redacted] advised that at a meeting at Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, a majority of the klaverns of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
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(UNITED KLANS)
STATE OF TEXAS ORGANIZATION

A source advised in January, 1965, that [redacted] of Temple, Texas, had, in November, 1964, discontinued his efforts to organize the State of Texas on behalf of the United Klans of America, Inc., and that such efforts had been assumed by [redacted] of Houston, Texas. This source indicated the majority of the Texas Klan members were located in the general area of Houston, Texas.

[redacted] source advised in September, 1965, that [redacted] Houston, Texas, had been considered for Texas until a visit to Houston on September 18, 1965, by [redacted]. This source indicated [redacted] had come to Texas for the purpose of holding elections of a slate of state officers and had been disappointed that [redacted] did not have the necessary ten organized Klaverns of at least twenty-five members each. As a result, [redacted] indicated the State of Texas could not be organized at that time, but he would return to Texas in October, 1965, if the membership of the United Klans had been increased sufficiently by that time.

[redacted] source advised [redacted] of Houston had been designated by [redacted] for Texas. This source stated [redacted] had made conflicting claims regarding the number of Klaverns actually in existence. This source stated as of September, 1965, there were apparently four to six Klaverns holding meetings in the Houston Metropolitan area, and that Houston Klan members were known to have made trips to Lufkin, Crockett, Beaumont, and Galveston, Texas, to assist in organizing Klaverns in those towns.

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TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA (157-60), CINCINNATI (157-245) AND
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FROM CLEVELAND (100-10261)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN. OO: ATLANTA

RE LOUISVILLE TEL DEC. ELEVEN INSTANT.

CLEVELAND SOURCE ADVISED THAT AT KLAN MEETING HELD CLEVELAND,
OHIO, DEC. ELEVEN, SIXTYFIVE, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT SITE OF
KLAN MEETING ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR EAGLE HALL, NEWPORT,
KY., HAS BEEN CHANGED TO FARM OF [REDACTED] OREGONIA, OHIO;
DATE OF MEETING REMAINS DEC. TWELVE, SIXTYFIVE. INFORMANT
STATED HE KNOWS OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE OR SIX KLAN MEMBERS FROM
CLEVELAND WHO PLAN TO ATTEND MEETING. THESE MEMBERS PLAN TO
ARRIVE AT FARM OF [REDACTED] ON NIGHT OF DEC. ELEVEN, SIXTY-
FIVE AND STAY THERE OVERNIGHT.

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WARREN CO., OHIO S.O. ADVISED AND ALERTED.

CLEVELAND, ATLANTA, AND LOUISVILLE REMAIN ALERT FOR ANY
POSSIBLE CHANGE ABOVE PLANS.

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TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND (100-102612) LOUISVILLE (157-224),
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Mr. Trotter	_____
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Mr. [unclear]	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
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RE CLEVELAND TEL TO DIRECTOR DECEMBER ELEVEN LAST.

AM TODAY [REDACTED] (PROB) ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

[REDACTED] PLANS MAKING SHORT APPEARANCE VICINITY EAGLES
LODGE, NEWPORT, KENTUCKY FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES THAN PROCEED HIS
FARM OREGONIA, OHIO [REDACTED] MADE NUMBER OF LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE
CALLS ADVISING INDIVIDUALS INVITED NEWPORT MEETING TO TRANSFER
MEETING PLACE HIS FARM. PURPOSE MEETING TO NAME OHIO GRAND DRAGON.
NO INITIATIONS BELIEVED SCHEDULED.

[REDACTED] INVITED JAMES VENABLE AND [REDACTED] TO ATTEND
AND POSSIBILITY EXISTS THEY MAY MAKE APPEARANCE TRAVELLING FROM
CLEVELAND, OHIO.

INFORMANT WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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cc [REDACTED]
MR. [REDACTED] FOR THE DIRECTOR

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ALL OFFICES ASCERTAIN IF POSSIBLE NUMBER OF KLAN MEMBERS STILL PLANNING TO ARRIVE NEWPORT, KY., NEXT DATE FOR MEETING AND IF ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO FORCIBLY ENTER EAGLES HALL, NEWPORT, KY., IF ENTRANCE DENIED THEM.

SUTEL PERTINENT INFORMATION FOR DISSEMINATION NEWPORT, KY. PD.

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TO DIRECTOR, CINCINNATI, CLEVELAND AND LOUISVILLE
 FROM ATLANTA 101723

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RM - KLAN.

RE CINCINNATI TELETYPE DECEMBER 9 LAST.

[REDACTED] ADVISED EVENING DECEMBER 9 LAST, THAT
 JAMES R. VENABLE AND [REDACTED] LEAVING ATLANTA 6:30 PM,
 DECEMBER 11 NEXT, UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT 892 ARRIVING IN
 CLEVELAND 8:58 PM. BEING MET AT AIRPORT BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THEY ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND SOME MEETING IN
 CLEVELAND ON DECEMBER 11 NEXT. ON DECEMBER 12 NEXT THEY
 WILL DRIVE TO CINCINNATI AND TO NEWPORT, KY., TO ATTEND
 A MEETING THERE. THEY WILL LEAVE CINCINNATI 8:24 PM,
 DECEMBER 12 NEXT ON DELTA AIRLINES FLIGHT 735, ARRIVING
 IN ATLANTA 10:29 PM.

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12:26 PM EST URGENT 12-11-65 JWR

TO DIRECTOR CLEVELAND CINCINNATI AND LOUISVILLE
 FROM ATLANTA 111641

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NATIONAL KINGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. RM-KLAN.

RE ATLANTA RADIOGRAM DECEMBER 10 LAST AND LOUISVILLE
 TELETYPE DECEMBER 10 LAST.

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED] STATES [REDACTED] AND
 JAMES R. VENABLE RECEIVED TICKETS PAID FOR BY OHIO GROUP
 TO GO TO CLEVELAND, OHIO. [REDACTED] CLAIMS THEY ARE TO BE MET
 IN CLEVELAND AND TAKEN TO AKRON, OHIO. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE
 AND VENABLE TO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH [REDACTED] GROUP
 AND WOULD DEAL WITH [REDACTED] GROUP.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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Mr. Tele. Room	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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TO DIRECTOR AND LOUISVILLE

FROM CINCINNATI (157-245) 1P

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., AKA., RM
OO ATLANTA.

RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, CINCINNATI,
AND CLEVELAND DECEMBER ELEVEN INSTANT.

[REDACTED] (PROB) ADVISED HE HAS NO CURRENT
KNOWLEDGE THAT ANY KLAN MEMBERS ATTEMPTING FORCE ENTRANCE EAGLES
LODGE, NEWPORT, KENTUCKY, DECEMBER TWELVE NEXT. INFORMANT'S
OPINION MEETING POSITIVELY CANCELLED. NO ACTIVITY EXPECTED BEST
OF HIS KNOWLEDGE. IF PERTINENT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED,
CINCINNATI WILL ADVISE INTERESTED OFFICES.

AM COPY TO ATLANTA AND CLEVELAND.

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Date: 12/9/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 JALRE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RM - KLAN
(OO: Atlanta)

A meeting of members of Cuyahoga County Klavern #6 has been scheduled for 12/11/65, at 4105 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. Members have been notified of this meeting by letter signed by [redacted] Kligraph. Cleveland PD has been advised of this meeting.

[redacted] Canton, Ohio, advised on 12/5/65, that he had received the following information:

On 12/4/65, an unknown male paid in advance at the United Air Lines window at the Akron-Canton Airport, for two airline tickets for J. R. VENABLE and [redacted] of Atlanta, Georgia, and VENABLE and [redacted] are to depart Atlanta on 12/11/65, on UAL Flight 892, at 6:30 PM, and arrive in Cleveland at 8:58 PM. VENABLE and [redacted] are to depart Cleveland on 12/12/65, on UAL Flight No. 475, at 7:00 PM, and arrive in Atlanta at 8:35 PM. The address given by the

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
4 - Atlanta (157-60) (RM)
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unknown male for VENABLE and [redacted] as KKK, Atlanta, Georgia. The unknown male left a card at the JAL ticket window which said, "You have just been patronized by the KKK."

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The Cleveland PD and Akron PD have been alerted to the fact that VENABLE and [redacted] will be in the Cleveland and Akron areas during the period 12/11-12/65.

Bureau and Atlanta will be advised of pertinent developments.

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TO DIRECTOR, CLEVELAND /100-10261/, ATLANTA /157-60/, AND
CINCINNATI /157-245/

FROM LOUISVILLE 157-224

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RACIAL MATTERS.

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RE CI TEL TO DIRECTOR DECEMBER TWELVE INSTANT.

ON DECEMBER TWELVE INSTANT BETWEEN APPROXIMATELY ONE TWENTY PM
AND TWO TWENTY PM, SEVERAL KLAN MEMBERS IN "UNIFORM" APPEARED
AT EAGLES HALL, NEWPORT, KY., AND ATTEMPTED TO GAIN ENTRANCE.
ENTRANCE NOT ALLOWED AND NO EFFORT BY KLAN TO FORCE ENTRY.

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WERE OBSERVED DEPARTING AREA WITH
KLAN MEMBERS: SIXTYFOUR GREEN PONTIAC, OHIO LICENSE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SIXTY THREE WHITE FORD STATION WAGON, OHIO LICENSE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] FIFTYEIGHT GREEN CADILLAC, OHIO LICENSE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] AND A FIFTYNINE GREEN CADILLAC, OHIO LICENSE
[REDACTED] DRIVER OF LAST VEHICLE.

ACCORDING TO COP, NEWPORT, KY PD WHO WAS ON SCENE, MANY LEFT
APPROXIMATELY TWO TWENTY PM INSTANT WERE ENROUTE [REDACTED] FARM
ROUTE SEVENTYONE, OREGONIA, OHIO.

NO INCIDENTS OCCURED. ALL KLAN MEMBERS DEPARTED AREA BY TWO
THIRTY PM.

CINCINNATI DETERMINE REGISTRATIONS ABOVE VEHICLES.

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AT HAS BEEN ADVISED.

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FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-22-88 BY [redacted]RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTER - KLAN
(OO: ATLANTA)

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 12/9/65, and Atlanta radiogram to Bureau and other offices, 12/10/65.

[redacted] probationary racial informant, advised that on this date he received a letter from [redacted] inviting him to a business meeting of the NKKKK at Eagle Hall, Newport, Kentucky. This meeting will be held on 12/12/65, from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The letter stated that JOSEPH VENABLE and [redacted] will attend. Agenda of meeting will consist of a report on the previous Ohio Klan rallies and a report on Klansmen who have been arrested and tried. The letter also stated that after this meeting everyone will know who the Ohio Dragon is.

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Date: 12/13/65

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: Director, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, Cleveland (100-10261)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

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[redacted] Probationary Racial
Informant, advised on 12/13/65 that he had attended a
meeting of the National KKKK Klavern #6 at David Hall,
4105 Clark Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, on 12/11/65. He volun-
teered the following information concerning the meeting:

Approximately [redacted] persons were in attendance at the
meeting. [redacted] was identified as [redacted]
of Klavern #6 at this meeting; [redacted]

[redacted] of the Klavern; [redacted]
It was announced that [redacted] opened a bank
account for the Klavern at the Cleveland Trust Co. under the
name "Educational Sportsman's Fund." Annual dues for Klansmen
were announced to be \$15 of which \$6.50 is kept for the local
Klavern and the balance sent to Ga.

[redacted] stated that there is an active Klavern
(#7) in Akron, Ohio, with 75 members, and that the Cleveland
Klavern also has 75 members.

[redacted] was pointed out to [redacted] as an
[redacted] because FBI Agents were out to his house. This
[redacted] known to [redacted] only as [redacted] reportedly
has firearms at his house and reportedly converted semi-
automatic weapons into fully automatic weapons. He also
supposedly has a couple of "Eagle" sub-machine guns.

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Another Klan member, [redacted] (LNU), stated to [redacted] that [redacted] was "okay" and that the FBI came to his house with a search warrant and confiscated plans for converting semi-automatic weapons into automatic weapons. [redacted] supposedly had obtained these plans from a West Coast gun house. [redacted] was unable to furnish any additional information concerning [redacted]

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Cleveland Office indices contain no references identifiable with [redacted] Inquiry being conducted at local law enforcement agencies concerning [redacted] LHM being prepared for dissemination to Secret Service.

Future meetings of Klavern #6 are to be held at Bohemian Hall, 4939 Broadway, Cleveland. Meetings are scheduled for 12/19/65 and 1/9/66. Cleveland Police Dept. furnished above info.

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Date: 12/13/65

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM WAC, CINCINNATI (157-245)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KKK, INC.;
 UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
 RACIAL MATTER - KLANS

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ReBulet to Cincinnati, 11/16/65, captioned
 "INVESTIGATIONS OF KLAN ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATED
 INDIVIDUALS, RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN."

Cincinnati will submit a comprehensive up-to-date
 report regarding United Klans of America activity by 12/17/65,
 even though there is no organized Klan within the Cincinnati
 Division at this time.

UACB, Cincinnati will submit a comprehensive report
 on activities of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.,
 by 12/28/65. Thereafter, Cincinnati will submit reports
 regarding Klan organizations each 90-days as long as there
 is activity remaining in the Cincinnati territory. Cincinnati
 will continue to advise Atlanta and Birmingham of all pertinent
 developments concerning above Klan groups as it takes place
 within this division.

- 6 - Bureau (3- NKKKK) (RM)
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Office of the Postmaster General
Washington, D.C. 20260

December 13, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Relative to your November 15, 1965 report of investigation of [redacted] of West Alexandria, Ohio, we enclose for your information a copy of his affidavit furnished during his personal interview by [redacted] concerning [redacted] reported membership in the Knights of the Klu Klux Klan.

in his affidavit admitted that at the instance of a friend whose identity he would not disclose, he paid \$15 initiation fee and was initiated into the KKKK during about June or July 1965; that later upon thinking about it he decided not to keep up his membership; that although he received several letters concerning meetings, he never attended any meetings or received a membership card; denied ownership of any Klan robes, paraphernalia or firearms; and concluded that after having been talked into joining the Klan he realized his mistake and dropped out at once.

Sincerely yours,

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) - P -

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KKK, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
(OO: Atlanta)

12/14/65
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Re Cincinnati teletype to Bureau dated 12/12/65.

Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum.

[redacted] source is [redacted] (PROB), who furnished
information to SA [redacted] on 12/13/65.

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[redacted] source is [redacted] (PROB), who furnished
information to SA [redacted] on 12/14/65.

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Sheriff BYRON KENNARD, Warren County Sheriff's Office, Lebanon, Ohio, was alerted and advised by SA [redacted] re instant Klan meeting.

One copy of the LHM is being disseminated to U. S. Secret Service and 109th INTC Group, locally.

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CLEVELAND DIVISION

AT CLEVELAND AND AKRON, OHIO

Advise Atlanta of details concerning JAMES VENABLE and [redacted] being in Cleveland-Akron, Ohio, area on Klan business.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Cincinnati, Ohio
December 14, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Parkie Scott
Ohio

RE: MEETING - NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
DECEMBER 12, 1965, ON FARM
OWNED BY PARKIE SCOTT,
OREGONIA, OHIO

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On December 13, 1965, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

After officials of the Eagles Lodge in Newport, Kentucky, refused to allow the scheduled Klan meeting to be held at the Eagles Lodge, it was decided to transfer the meeting site to [redacted] farm, Oregonia, Ohio. The meeting took place on [redacted] farm, however, neither James Venable, Imperial Wizard, nor [redacted] made an appearance. This caused extreme disappointment. Approximately 75 persons were present and the possibility exists that a very small number of those present were initiated into the Klan. *Ohio*

The purpose of the meeting was to explain that the United Klans of America (UKA) was attempting to "raid and steal" members from the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) for UKA. A Grand Dragon was supposed to be appointed for the State of Ohio, however, this appointment was not made.

On December 14, 1965, [redacted] source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished substantially the same information set out above. In addition, this source advised that [redacted] told everyone present that there were no additional plans for Klan meetings or rallies until after January 1, 1966, especially in view of the Klan hearings scheduled in Washington, D. C. during January, 1966. Also, James Venable and [redacted] never made an appearance at this meeting because they were in the Cleveland and Akron, Ohio, area on December 11 or 12, 1965, or both dates on some type of Klan business.

[redacted] Cincinnati Klansman, was in attendance at this meeting.

Ku Klux Klan meeting

Ohio

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RE: MEETING - NKKKK, INC.,
DECEMBER 12, 1965

Sheriff Byron Kennard, Warren County Sheriff's Office, Lebanon, Ohio, was advised and alerted regarding above meeting on December 11 and 12, 1965.

Characterizations of the NKKKK and UKA are attached hereto.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cincinnati, Ohio

December 14, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
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MEETING - NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
DECEMBER 12, 1965, ON FARM
OWNED BY [REDACTED]
OREGONIA, OHIO

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Reference

Memorandum dated and captioned as
above at Cincinnati.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ATLANTA	DATE DEC 16 1965	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 7/7/65 - 11/13/65
TITLE OF CASE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	TYPED BY :jms
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REFERENCE: Report of SA [REDACTED]
New Orleans.

ated 7/27/65 at

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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Will follow and report activities of captioned organization.

AT SHREVEPORT AND COUSHATTA, LOUISIANA

Will follow activities of organization and specifically ascertain the status of the Coushatta Unit through appropriate sources.

INFORMANTS

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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IDENTITY OF SOURCE

[REDACTED] (PROB)
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LOCATION OF INFORMATION

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Inasmuch as captioned organization's activities are limited in the State of Louisiana and appear to be dissolving, the contents of this report are limited to available information received since the submission of referenced report. Consequently, the format of this report does not conform to the general format used in organization reports.

Information copies of this report are being furnished to Birmingham, Charlotte, Columbia, Cincinnati, Dallas, Jackson, Jacksonville, Knoxville, Little Rock, Mobile, Savannah, and Tampa

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in view of their interest in the activities of captioned organization. Likewise, copies are being furnished ONI, ICG, ATTU, and Secret Service, New Orleans, and OSI, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, for the same reason. *LA*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana
December 16, 1965

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service, New Orleans, Louisiana (RM)

Enclosure(s)

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]
Date: DECEMBER 16, 1965

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: N.O. 157-188

Bureau File No.: 157-168

Title: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Character: RACIAL MATTER - ORGANIZATION

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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8BJJ/foe

Synopsis:

Rally sponsored by Shreveport-Bossier City Units held 7/17/65 in Bossier Parish and attended by estimated 250-350 persons with JAMES VENABLE as main speaker. [REDACTED] Coushatta, La., is attempting to organize "elite" group of Klan leaders into organization to be known as Knights of the White Camelia. [REDACTED] attended a meeting of Imperial Board of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Stone Mountain, Georgia, on 9/3/65 and National Klan Day Rally on 9/4/65. At Board Meeting [REDACTED] proposed uniting all Klan groups under one head and expressed his preference as [REDACTED] Shreveport Klavern continues to meet but with less regularity. [REDACTED] indicates desire to sever connections with [REDACTED] of Coushatta Unit, and unite with [REDACTED] UKA. [REDACTED] reportedly interested in gaining control of Shreveport Unit. Coushatta Unit reportedly split, and contacts between Coushatta and Shreveport Units infrequent.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) and the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (UKA), are set forth in the appendix section of this report.

I. KLAVERN MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

NO 157-188

A. SHREVEPORT - BOSSIER CITY, LOUISIANA

A meeting was held from 8 to 9:15 PM on July 7, 1965, in the rear of the Pick-Nick Store on Southern Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for a big Klan rally to be held on U.S. Highway 80, East of Bossier City, Louisiana, approximately 7 miles from Kelly's Truck Stop on July 17, 1965. [redacted] of the Klavern, stated a big crowd is expected and Klansmen have been invited from East Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Representatives of the three Shreveport television stations were invited to take pictures and the meeting is opened to the public. Klansmen are to wear robes and some will bring horses draped with sheets.

[redacted] will furnish material for the cross burning. [redacted] will furnish a flat-bottom truck to use as a speaker's platform. JAMES VENABLE, head of the NKKKK, is to be the main speaker and will stay with [redacted] of Coushatta, Louisiana. KKK signs are to be placed on the highway prior to the rally. The Klavern meeting was attended by eight men.

[redacted] July 7, 1965.)

[redacted] advised the Shreveport Klavern that \$10 will be withdrawn from the treasury to be used to send flowers to the funeral of ADALI STEVENSON, Ambassador to the United Nations. A card with the notation, "One Less", is to accompany the flowers. On July 16, 1965, it was learned that [redacted] did not send the flowers as he did not know where to send them.

[redacted] July 15, 1965.)

A joint meeting of the Shreveport - Bossier City Klavern was held on July 15, 1965 at the Pick-Nick Store on Southern Avenue. The meeting began at 8 PM and lasted until about 10 PM. [redacted] men were present. [redacted] was taken into the organization at the meeting. Most of the meeting was spent in discussion of the Klan rally planned for July 17, 1965 in Bossier Parish on the property of [redacted] is not a Klan member. Arrangements to use his land were made by [redacted] of Bossier City who is acquainted with [redacted]. It is anticipated one thousand Klansmen from Louisiana and surrounding states will be present at the rally. Representatives of the Shreveport television stations were extended invitations to take pictures at the rally.

[redacted] July 16, 1965.)

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A meeting was held in back of [redacted] store on Southern Avenue on July 22, 1965 from 8:45 to 9:40 PM. Thirteen men were present including two members, [redacted]

[redacted] Phone ME 5-2037, who is employed by [redacted]

[redacted] Phon [redacted] employed by [redacted]

[redacted] wants a "big meeting" planned, but desires a new location to hold the meeting so people in the area will think it is being sponsored by a different group. [redacted] talked of trying to organize a Klavern in Haughton, Louisiana. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday night, July 28, 1965, at a house owned by [redacted] *Shreveport, La.*

[redacted] July 23, 1965.)

A joint meeting of the Shreveport - Bossier City Klaverns was held on July 28, 1965 from 9 to 10:30 PM in the upstairs of a vacant house at the corner of Flora and Jewella Streets. The house belongs to [redacted]. Thirteen men were present including two new members who were sworn into the Klan. They were identified as [redacted] Shreveport, and [redacted] *b2 b6 b7C b7D*

No one was in charge of the meeting and most of the time was spent in talking about the FBI being aware of their meeting place. It was decided the next meeting, on August 5, 1965, would be at Grand Cane, Louisiana, where [redacted] owns a place.

[redacted] July 30, 1965.)

Source advised on September 10, 1965, the Shreveport and Bossier City units have had no meetings recently.

[redacted] September 10, 1965.)

Source advised he is not aware of any activity at the present time on the part of the NKKKK.

[redacted] September 14, 1965.)

A meeting was held at the Pick-Nick Store, 6904 Southern Avenue, from 8:15 to 9:15 PM, September 15, 1965. Ten men were present. [redacted] stated there was a need for a lot of crosses to be burned, but no specifics were discussed concerning this. [redacted] claims to have several names of persons who are

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interested in joining the Klan. There was also talk at the meeting of dividing the Klavern into five units with the new units to be headed by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] September 16, 1965.)

[REDACTED] of the United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (UKA), is reported to be interested in taking over the Shreveport Klan group.

[REDACTED] September 17, 1965.)

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A Klavern meeting was held at the Pick-Nick Store on September 28, 1965 from 8 to 9:20 PM with eight men present. One member reportedly had the names of forty three persons interested in joining the Klan. These persons are to be interviewed concerning their interest. A suitcase filled with Klan robes made by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was left at the office of the Pick-Nick Store. It was reported at the meeting that the Unit has \$187.00 in its treasury. The money is kept in a box in the office of the Pick Nick Store. Discussion was held concerning another rally to be held soon at the same location in Bossier Parish where a previous rally was held on July 17, 1965. [REDACTED] was selected as speaker if a date could be scheduled by him.

[REDACTED] September 29, 1965.)

Source advised there appears to be little Klan activity of any significance in the Shreveport area. The local Klavern is breaking with [REDACTED] of Coushatta, Louisiana. [REDACTED] appears to be interested in associating the group with [REDACTED]. He wants to get [REDACTED] as a speaker for a local rally if arrangements can be made.

[REDACTED] October 6, 1965.)

[REDACTED] of the UKA, wants to hold a big road-side rally for the Klan in the Shreveport area about November 8, 1965.

[REDACTED] October 25, 1965.)

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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A meeting was held the night of November 1, 1965, in a back room of the Pick Nick Store. Seventeen men were present. [redacted] stated, because he was unable to locate a suitable place for a big meeting, [redacted] will not come to Shreveport for a rally. He also states he has reliable information indicating that no one from Shreveport or Bossier City would be called to appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee in Washington. Plans were discussed at the meeting to prepare stencils reading "Booker T. Annex" and spray painting this on sidewalks and buildings at Byrd High School because one Negro student is now attending that school. The signs would be painted around Thanksgiving to coincide with the Byrd- Fair Park High School football game. It was felt that Fair Park students would be blamed for the painting.

[redacted] November 5, 1965.)

B. COUSHATTA, LOUISIANA

At a meeting of the Shreveport Klavern on September 15, 1965, [redacted] complained that quite a number of groups of the Klan over the country are breaking up. He stated as a result of a split up of a group at Coushatta, Louisiana, he had lost contact with the members there. One member noted this was a tactic of [redacted] to break up Klan groups and then gather up the remnants for a Klan organization.

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[redacted] September 16, 1965.)

On the dates indicated, the following sources advised that they were unable to furnish any pertinent information with reference to the reported split in the NKKKK Unit at Coushatta, Louisiana:

[redacted]
November 2, 1965;
November 2, 1965;
November 3, 1965;
November 13, 1965.

At a meeting on November 4, 1965, [redacted] stated he had not heard from the group in Coushatta for several weeks.

[redacted] November 5, 1965.)

II. RALLIES

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A rally was observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in an open pasture on the North side of US Highway 80 in Bossier Parish, Louisiana, approximately seven miles East of Bossier City, Louisiana. A speaker's stand was located about one hundred and fifty yards North of the Highway right-of-way in the open field. A small cloth sign was hanging over the entrance to the field containing the letters, "KKK" and a cross. Vehicles containing representatives of the three Shreveport, Louisiana television stations arrived between 7:15 and 7:30 PM. Approximately fifty robed Klansmen were present. Five Klansmen armed with shotguns stood guard at the entrance to the rally area.

A twelve-foot cross and two smaller crosses were burned, and a torch-lit parade of about thirty five robed men marched about the speaker's stand. JAMES VENABLE spoke for thirty three minutes reviewing the history and nature of the Klan. He discussed the present political situation in the United States and emphasized his dislike for the "free society." Following VENABLE's speech, an unidentified robed man spent fifteen minutes attempting to enlist new members and soliciting donations. The meeting lasted from 7:10 to 9:10 PM. Many persons in the crowd began to leave the area ten minutes before VENABLE's speech ended. The crowd was estimated between 250 to 350 individuals, not including the robed Klansmen.

III. PROPENSITY TO VIOLENCE

[redacted], a member of the Shreveport Klavern, brought a new member to a joint meeting of the Shreveport - Bossier City Units at the Pick Nick Store on Southern Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana, on July 15, 1965. The new member was identified as [redacted] who is supposed to be an expert on the use of dynamite.

[redacted] July 16, 1965.)

At a Klan meeting in Shreveport on July 27, 1965, [redacted] brought a box of railroad flares and demonstrated how they could be used to start a fire. He also had about twenty sharp pointed instruments similar to a leather auger. Some of these instruments had longer blades or points than others, and could be used like brass knucks for fighting or for puncturing tires and radiators.

[redacted] July 23, 1965.)

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

A. KNIGHTS OF THE WHITE CAMELLIA

[redacted] Coushatta, Louisiana, is attempting to organize an elite group of Klan leaders into an organization known as the Knights of the White Camellia. This organization is supposed to be comparable to thirty second degree masonry in that it would be composed of higher ranking Klan leaders. U

[redacted], August 16, 1965.)

B. MEETING OF IMPERIAL BOARD OF KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN AND NATIONAL KLAN DAY RALLY

[redacted] Coushatta, Louisiana, attended a meeting of the Imperial Board of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held in Room 23 of the Memorial Drive Motel, Stone Mountain, Georgia, on Friday night, September 3, 1965. At that meeting, [redacted] pointed out that Texas is ready to be organized by the Klan for several reasons. He cited one as the fact that Democratic Party is very unpopular in Texas due to its racial activities on behalf of Negroes. He stated President JOHNSON has allowed Negroes and integration leaders to do as they please in the United States, resulting in the loss of liberty to the white people. He accused the President of encouraging Negro demonstrations. He believes the State of Texas needs the Klan badly and states he needs high-type persons as organizers in Texas. U

[redacted], September 6, 1965.)

[redacted] Coushatta, Louisiana, was in attendance at a National Klan Day Rally of the NKKKK on September 4, 1965, at Stone Mountain, Georgia. This rally was held to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of the Klan. [redacted] was a delegate to the National Meeting which followed the rally on September 5, 1965. At the meeting, [redacted] started a discussion concerning the benefits of having one Klan organization under one head. He indicated he knew a man under whom he believed all Klan groups would be willing to unite. He later identified this man as [redacted] (retired). [redacted] noted the State of Louisiana has as many as six Grand Dragons and stated efforts to unite them under one head were unsuccessful.

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[redacted] made a motion at the meeting that the question of uniting the Klan under one man be brought up by all delegates to their individual Klan organizations for discussion and agreement upon someone to serve as head of all Klans in the United States. The delegates would then return to Georgia in the future to vote on the individual that they would like to lead them. 4

[redacted] September 7, 1965.)

C. KLAN MEETING, BIVINS, TEXAS

A meeting of Klansmen was held near Bivins, Texas, on June 13, 1965 for the purpose of making plans for a Klan rally which was held at Pine Bluff, Arkansas on the night of June 19, 1965. [redacted] was not present, nor was he discussed during the course of the meeting.

[redacted] August 4, 1965.) 1

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RE: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

[redacted] Confidential Informant [redacted] advised on October 15, 1965, that on October 11, 1965, [redacted] of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), stated that he was going to resign from his position as Grand Dragon, and return to work in Bessemer, Alabama. [redacted] said that he was going to call a meeting in about two weeks to elect a new Grand Dragon for Alabama. [redacted] said that he had been accused by different members of the UKA of getting rich off contributions, and because of this accusation, he was getting out of the Klan.

[redacted] said that a [redacted] who is going to write a book on [redacted] and the UKA, was in Tuscaloosa on October 11, 1965, with [redacted]. [redacted] stated that the [redacted] of the State of Virginia, a [redacted] (phonetic), a former resident of North Carolina, had been made [redacted] of Virginia to get him away from the North Carolina area, as the North Carolina "Klan" had discovered that he had taken approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000 from the "Klan" and Klan members in North Carolina were about to kill him.

[redacted] said that [redacted] is to be made [redacted] of the State of Texas. [redacted] said that [redacted] of Tuscaloosa was to fly [redacted] to Shreveport, Louisiana, on Thursday morning, October 14, 1965, for a meeting with [redacted] and the Louisiana [redacted] at some motel (name unknown).

[redacted] said that [redacted] had set a UKA rally for Grant Park, in Atlanta, Georgia, for the night of either October 15 or 16, 1965.

[redacted] said that [redacted] of the UKA is now a Tuscaloosa man named [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.*

New Orleans, Louisiana
December 16, 1965

Title	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
Character	RACIAL MATTER - ORGANIZATION
Reference	Report of SA at New Orleans, dated as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-32) (P)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
 RACIAL MATTERS

8-22-88 [signature]

Re O-1 Form dated 12/15/65 and Memphis letter dated 9/9/65.

To date no information has been received by the Memphis Division from local sources or from the Atlanta or Jackson Divisions as to any plans for a Klan demonstration to be held at Pulaski, Tenn., on 12/24/65 since submission of relet to Bureau dated 9/9/65.

Atlanta and Jackson Divisions have advised that they would immediately advise the Memphis Division of any proposed plan to march at Pulaski, Tenn., on 12/24/65 and the Bureau will be promptly notified of any information received.

3 - Bureau
 1 - Atlanta (157-60) (Info)
 1 - Jackson (157-2934) (Info)
 1 - Memphis
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TO DES 12/21/65

[signature]
 [initials]

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 12/17/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-323) (C)

RE: RICHARD THOMAS MUNTZ
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Enclosed are eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the captioned individual.

The unidentified source referred to in the enclosed is [redacted] original record of which is recorded in [redacted]

It is not felt the information in the enclosed warrants classification of the enclosed.

Copies of the enclosed have been disseminated locally to Secret Service.

In view of no information being developed indicating the activities of [redacted] are such as to require investigation of him, no further action is being taken and this matter is being closed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 17, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
 - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
 - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☒ is not available
☐ may be available through _____

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 2
U. S. Secret Service, Louisville, Kentucky

Enclosure(s) 1

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form
becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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[REDACTED]
Louisville, Kentucky
December 17, 1965

Cynthiana

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP-5 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

On August 25, 1965, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a [REDACTED] Cynthiana, Kentucky, had recently been initiated into the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK). *Social Security*

Information concerning the NKKKK is set forth in the Appendix of this memorandum.

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On October 21, 1965, [REDACTED] Oddville, Kentucky, advised that [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] of the Shady Nook Community, Harrison County, Kentucky.

[REDACTED] have in the past worked for [REDACTED] and he considered both of them reliable individuals. [REDACTED] further advised that in connection with [REDACTED] he does [REDACTED] in various parts of the United States and that recently [REDACTED] had done some driving for him in the South. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED], in his opinion, is a loud, braggart, overbearing person with whom the sons have "fallen out" following the recent death of their mother.

The marriage records of the Harrison County Clerk's Office, Cynthiana, Kentucky, reviewed on November 2, 1965, reflected that [REDACTED] was married October 14, 1954, at the age of 25, to Doris [REDACTED] Cynthiana, Kentucky.

Attached is a copy of a report of interview with [REDACTED] on December 2, 1965, at Cynthiana, Kentucky.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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ENCLOSURE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date December 9, 1965

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[redacted]
Cynthiana, Kentucky, was interviewed at the Kawneer Corporation, Cynthiana, Kentucky. He was advised by SA [redacted] that he did not have to make any statement and any statement he might make could be used against him in a court of law. He was also advised that he had the right to consult an attorney or anyone of his own choice prior to making any statement.

[redacted] was asked if he is a member of or associated with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK). He declined to answer the question but remarked that he would say he is in sympathy with some of the stated aims of "The Klan." He also said that he is "a segregationist." He further remarked that he is "a peaceful man," does not believe in or condone violence, and would never take the law "in my own hands." He said he has never committed any act of violence. He further said that he is a quiet and timid individual; however, he does have strong feelings and beliefs in the things in which he believes, but reiterated he would never commit violence in connection with his beliefs or any other matters.

When asked if he attends any meetings of the NKKKK he replied in the negative, stating that he works seven days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and his off time is spent in raising his family. He has been employed at [redacted]

[redacted] and previous to this, worked at [redacted] Cynthiana, Kentucky, for [redacted] years in repairing radiators. He terminated this employment on his own "as I just didn't like some of the things they were doing."

A description of [redacted] as obtained during interview is as follows:

Name:
Residence:

[redacted]
Cynthiana, Kentucky

On 12/2/65 at Cynthiana, Kentucky File # LS 157-323

by SA [redacted] and
SA [redacted] LW/mjr Date dictated 12/6/65

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Date: 12/17/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

8-22-88 SP847/ok

Re CV airtel to Director, 12/13/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a LHM; two (2) copies of LHM have been designated for the local office of the United States Secret Service and one copy of the LHM is being furnished to the local offices of G2, ONI and OSI, in view of their interest in this matter. The AT and CI offices are being furnished appropriate copies of the LHM for their files.

[redacted] source utilized in the LHM is [redacted]
[redacted] probationary racial informant. [redacted]
source is [redacted] (probationary) and information from this
source was utilized to characterize [redacted]

The LHM is being classified ~~confidential~~ because information from the second source could reasonably result in his identification and compromise his future effectiveness.

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- 1 - Atlanta (157-60) (RM) (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Cincinnati (RM) (Enc. 2)
 - (1 - [redacted])
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- 4 - Cleveland
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Cleveland, Ohio
December 17, 1965

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ON 8-22-88

MEETING OF NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., December 12, 1965
David Hall, 4105 Clark Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio

On December 13, 1965, a source with whom contact has been insufficient to determine his reliability advised as follows:

Approximately 20 persons were in attendance at a meeting of Klavern #6, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) held at David Hall, 4105 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, on December 1, 1965. It was announced at the meeting that [redacted] is the

[redacted] It was announced that [redacted] had opened a bank account for the Klavern at the Cleveland Trust Company under the name "Educational Sportsman Fund". This will be the name used on checks in handling Klan business. Annual dues for Klansmen were announced to be \$15, of which \$6.50 is kept for the local Klavern and the balance is sent to Georgia.

[redacted] stated that there is an active Klavern (#7) in Akron, with 75 members and the Cleveland Klavern also has 75 members.

[redacted] in attendance at the meeting, identified only [redacted] reportedly has firearms in his home and has converted semi-automatic weapons into fully automatic weapons. He also reportedly owns a couple of "Eagle" sub-machine guns.

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RE: MEETING OF NATIONAL
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

The FBI reportedly came [redacted] house with a search warrant and confiscated plans for converting semi-automatic weapons into fully automatic weapons. [redacted] obtained these plans from a west coast gun house.

Concerning [redacted] Investigator, Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, United States Treasury Department, advised on December 16, 1965, that approximately two weeks ago his office received information from Service Sales, Inc., Post Office Box 889, Seattle, Washington, to the effect that one [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, was sent plans on how to convert an M-1 carbine and other semi-automatic weapons into fully automatic weapons.

[redacted] advised that he went to the residence of [redacted] approximately one month ago (exact date not recalled), and he determined that [redacted] He stated that he learned from [redacted] that he was also known as [redacted] that he had received the above described plans from Service Sales, Inc. [redacted] indicated that he had been thinking of collecting rifles and had sent for information on conversion kits out of curiosity. [redacted] indicated that he had never used the plans. He also indicated that he has given up the idea of collecting rifles and has no further interest in any kind of weapons. He voluntarily gave the above plans to [redacted] He indicated to [redacted] that the only equipment in his possession is a .38 caliber revolver which he keeps in his house for self protection. [redacted] indicated that he is employed by [redacted]

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[redacted] source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on August 27, 1965, that [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, was one of a group initiated into the NKKKK in the recent past and had paid his dues to this organization.

[redacted] source advised that an individual named [redacted] stated that he knows where he can obtain a machine gun and a bazooka within 100 feet of where he lives.

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RE: MEETING OF NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF
THE KU KLUX KLAN

Concerning [redacted]
Bureau of Special Investigation, Cleveland Police Department,
advised on October 22, 1965, that an automobile registered to
[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, was
observed at a rally of the NKKKK held in Brunswick, Ohio, on
August 21-22, 1965.

Future meetings of Klavern #6 were scheduled for
Bohemian Hall, 4939 Broadway, on December 19, 1965, and
January 9, 1966. [redacted] advised at the meeting that
[redacted] was at a meeting two weeks ago and that new
Klansmen were initiated at this meeting. He also announced
that a Klan meeting scheduled for Newport, Kentucky, on
December 12, 1965, would be held instead at the farm of
[redacted] in Ohio. [redacted] indicated that he was going to
attend this meeting.

A characterization of the NKKKK appears as an appendix
attached to this letterhead.

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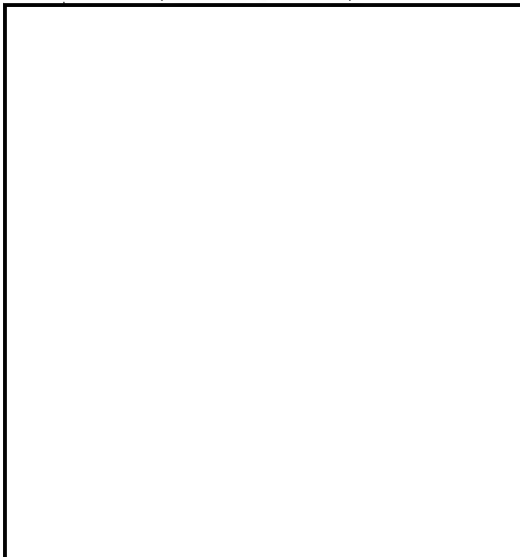
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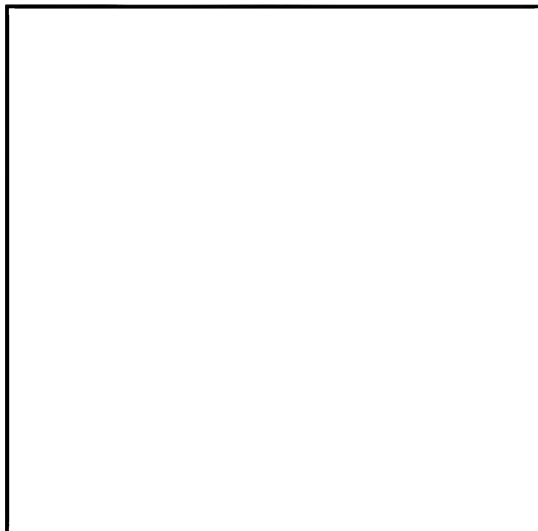
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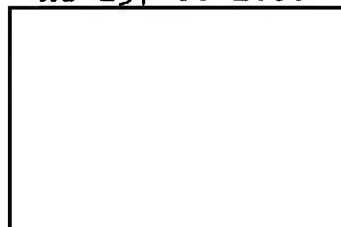
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Synopsis:

Headquarters for National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (NKKKK) is located in the Carl Garmon Building, Tucker, Georgia. Current national officers of NKKKK are JAMES R. VENABLE, [REDACTED] VENABLE has authorized formation of Klaverns at Barnesville, Georgia; Hartwell, Georgia; and Cobb County, Georgia. The Barnesville Unit occasionally holds meetings. Members of the Barnesville unit have traveled to areas where Negro demonstrations were taking place, and in October, 1965, some members of the Barnesville unit were arrested at Crawfordville, Georgia, for forcing a Negro off the highway and attempting to beat him. Following the National Klan Day Rally on 9/4/65, at Stone Mountain, Georgia, there was a balance of \$2.76 in the treasury [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has been identified as head of the ladies' group of NKKKK.

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John Edgar Hoover
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A characterization of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (NKKKK) is included in the Appendix of this report.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

(a) Headquarters

Headquarters of the NKKKK is located in the Carl Garmon Building, Idlewood Road and Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker, Georgia. [redacted] December 17, 1965)

(b) National Officers

Currently the National officers of the NKKKK are as follows:

JAMES R. VENABLE - Imperial Wizard
[redacted]

[redacted] October 6, 1965)

(c) Current Member Klan Organizations

The following are among the Klan organizations considered as members of the NKKKK:

Association of South Carolina Klans,
United Florida Ku Klux Klan,
Associated Klans of Georgia,
and Improved order of U.S. Klans, Knights of
the Ku Klux Klan.

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Characterizations of the above are included in the appendix section of this report. [redacted] October 6, 1965)

II. KLAVERNS OR LOCAL CHAPTERS

In June, 1965 [redacted], a former member of U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., said that the NKKKK had recently chartered a new unit at Barnesville, Georgia. A characterization of U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is included in the appendix section of this report.

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On June 12, 1965, a naturalization was held by the NKKKK near Barnesville, Georgia. Approximately twenty-five persons were present for the naturalization. Six people were naturalized, and [redacted]

[redacted] persons present were known to be members of the Vigilantes, a characterization of which is included in the Appendix section of this report. Those [redacted] persons were [redacted]

[redacted] brought four men with him, two of whom were naturalized and the other two were already members of the NKKKK. [redacted] appeared to be in charge at the meeting and naturalization.

[redacted] July 9, 1965.)

During the Summer of 1965, Chapter III of the NKKKK was meeting at the second floor of a building on West Harvard Street in College Park, Georgia. The leaders of that chapter are [redacted] and a man named [redacted] are paid organizers for the NKKKK.

[redacted] August 2, 1965)

The NKKKK in July, 1965, had a unit at Hartwell, Georgia.

[redacted] July 16, 1965)

The Imperial Wizard of NKKKK, JAMES R. VENABLE, has not issued any charters; however, he did at one time give some blank charters to [redacted].

[redacted] October 6, 1965)

[redacted] was given authority by JAMES R. VENABLE to organize for the NKKKK in Cobb County, Georgia; however, it is not known if he has done so.

[redacted] October 6, 1965)

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An individual whose last name is [redacted] first name unknown, has been authorized by JAMES R. VENABLE to organize a Klavern near Hartwell, Georgia

[redacted] October 6, 1965)

The NKKKK has been attempting to organize units of this group in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Ohio; however, no units are known to have been organized as yet.

[redacted] October 6, 1965)

III. ACTIVITIES OF KLAVERNS OR LOCAL CHAPTERS

(a) Meetings

On August 29, 1965, a group of NKKKK met at the home of [redacted] at Barnesville, Georgia, for a naturalization. Four men from Thomaston, Georgia, were to be naturalized but they did not arrive for the meeting and the naturalization was not held. Ten individuals attended the meeting.

[redacted] September 8, 1965)

A meeting of the Barnesville unit of the NKKKK was held on Saturday night, October 9, 1965, at 1:00 a.m. at the farm of [redacted] in Barnesville, Georgia. Eleven individuals attended.

[redacted] November 3, 1965)

On October 16, 1963, a meeting of the Barnesville unit of the NKKKK was held at the farm of [redacted] at Barnesville, Georgia, at 1:00 a.m. Fourteen members were present.

[redacted] November 3, 1965)

On September 25, 1965, a meeting of the Barnesville unit of the NKKKK was held at 1:00 a.m. at a barn at the home of [redacted] in Barnesville. Fourteen persons were present. A naturalization was held and six persons were naturalized.

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(b) Miscellaneous Activities

On August 30, 1965, Members of the NKKKK, Barnesville unit, Barnesville, Georgia, followed Lamar County school buses to determine if there was any integration of the Lamar County schools. Those who participated in following the buses were [redacted]

[redacted] All the above men were carrying side arms with the exception of [redacted]

[redacted] September 8, 1965)

On October 2, 1965, it was determined that the individual referred to above as [redacted] [redacted] October 7, 1965)

On October 2, 1965, JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of NKKKK, stated that he considers the individuals running the Barnesville unit of the NKKKK to be a dangerous group of individuals, indicating that they may be prone to commit acts of violence.

[redacted] October 5, 1965)

In October, 1965, [redacted] a member of the Barnesville unit of NKKKK, stated that he is tired of non-violence and is getting ready to shoot someone.

[redacted] October 7, 1965)

On October 5, 1965, [redacted]

[redacted] all members of the Barnesville Unit of the NKKKK, traveled to Crawfordville, Georgia, and met five other men who are also members of the NKKKK Barnesville Unit. They all had sidearms. They observed Negro demonstrations then taking place at Crawfordville, and as the Negro demonstrators marched in the street, they played songs entitled "NAACP Flight 105", "Alabama Story", "Ship them Niggers Back", "Non-violent Nigger" and "Los Angeles Riots".

[redacted] October 7, 1965)

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IV. FINANCES

At a national meeting of the NKKKK held in the Carl Garmon Building, Tucker, Georgia, on September 5, 1965, it was announced that the expenses of the National Klan Day Rally held on September 4, 1965, amounted to \$341.40. At the rally \$140.00 was collected. Prior to the rally there was \$204.16 in the treasury. After the total expenses of \$341.40 was paid to cover the expenses of the National Klan Day Rally, the balance left in the treasury was \$2.76.

[redacted] September 7, 1965)

Each adult male who joins the NKKKK pays a \$15.00 Klektoken (initiation dues). Each woman pays \$12.00 and each teenage member pays \$10.00. One-half of that amount is supposed to be given to the National Office at Tucker, Georgia.

[redacted] October 6, 1965)

V. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

On July 17, 1965, the NKKKK held a rally and public speaking near Rockmart, Georgia.

[redacted] July 20, 1965)

On July 19, 1965, Chief of Police HUGH THOMASON, Rockmart, Georgia, Police Department, advised that the NKKKK sponsored a rally on July 17, 1965, at the farm of [redacted]

[redacted] of Rockmart, Georgia. He stated that a minister from South Georgia by the name of [redacted] and another minister, name unknown, conducted the rally, and there were from 100 to 300 individuals present. A cross was burned near the house of [redacted]

On July 3, 1965, [redacted] went to Centre, Alabama, for a naturalization. The naturalization and meeting was sponsored by the NKKKK.

[redacted] July 9, 1965)

On July 30, 1965, [redacted] contacted the members of the Vigilantes and members of the NKKKK to get them to go with him to Americus, Georgia, where Negro demonstrations were then taking place.

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On July 30, 1965, two cars left Barnesville, Georgia, containing seven men. All of the men carried sidearms. [redacted] stated they would not take their sawed-off shotguns, but would send for them if they were needed.

[redacted] July 30, 1965)

On July 17, 1965, at the rally of the NKKKK held at Rockmart, Georgia, [redacted] stated he has been checking on the houses where civil rights workers are staying at Fort Valley, Georgia. He said he is going to tell the Sheriff of Peach County, Georgia, in which Fort Valley is located, where the civil rights workers are staying, and if the Sheriff does not do something about moving them out of Peach County, he [redacted] will do so.

[redacted] July 27, 1965)

On August 21, 1965, the NKKKK held a rally near Thomaston, Georgia. Very few people attended, and it rained hard during the rally.

[redacted] September 20, 1965)

On August 28, 1965, [redacted]

[redacted] met at [redacted] at Barnesville, Georgia, and then went to Pine Mountain, Georgia, to set up a public speaking and cross burning. This was set up on [redacted] on the property of [redacted]. The public speaking began at about 8:00 p.m. on August 28, 1965, and approximately 125 persons were present. Approximately six of those wore robes. [redacted] from Atlanta and JAMES R. VENABLE attended. [redacted] acted as master of ceremonies and gave a talk and invited people to join the NKKKK. [redacted] also sang several songs. [redacted] made a talk concerning the Bible to show that the Bible advocates the separation of the races.

JAMES R. VENABLE gave the main talk in which he criticized President JOHNSON as having forced integration on the people. He claimed the Klan has seven million members. He also announced a Klan rally to be held at his farm in Stone Mountain, Georgia, the following Saturday. At the beginning of the meeting a large cross was set on fire.

[redacted] September 8, 1965)

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A leaflet dated August 10, 1965, from JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, NKKKK, Tucker, Georgia, states the NKKKK will hold a public speaking and cross burning near Atlanta, Georgia, at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on September 4, 1965. All Klanspeople and families, and patriotic white people were invited in the leaflet to attend the rally, and members of Klan organizations were invited to wear their robes. The leaflet stated that September 4, 1965, would celebrate the Fiftiety Anniversary of the rebuilding of the Klan on Stone Mountain.

[redacted] August 19, 1965)

A National Klan Day Rally was held on September 4, 1965, in the cow pasture owned by JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK at Stone Mountain, Georgia. The rally began about 7:45 p.m. JAMES R. VENABLE was the moderator and spoke only briefly to introduce the speakers. [redacted]

[redacted] of Buchanan, Georgia, was one of the speakers.

There were two other speakers, one from Ohio, and another from Florida, whose identities are not known. [redacted]

[redacted] Loomingdale, Georgia, spoke briefly and said "Us would rather fight than mix."

Following that speech, [redacted] of Biloxi, Mississippi, made a short speech in which he criticized the Negroes, Catholics, and Jews. There were an estimated 3500 people at the rally including about 100 who wore robes. There were approximately 600 cars in the parking lot.

People started leaving the rally shortly after it started, but by 11:30 p.m. there were still about 200 people present.

[redacted] September 6, 1965)
September 7, 1965)
September 6, 1965)

"The Atlanta Journal and Constitution", a newspaper published on Sunday in Atlanta, Georgia, contained an article in the September 5, 1965, edition entitled "600 Attend Klan's Rally at Mountain." The article stated that about 600 persons including about 100 in traditional Klan robes, gathered at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on Saturday, September 4, 1965, for the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Ku Klux Klan.

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The article states that JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman, characterized those present as "the last bulwark of this great nation - the last remnants of white society."

[redacted] who is the owner and operator [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, attended the rally at Stone Mountain on September 4, 1965. He was taken in as a member of the NKKKK at a national meeting of that organization held on September 5, 1965, at Tucker, Georgia [redacted]

September 6, 1965)

The NKKKK scheduled a rally in or near Lagrange, Georgia, for October 2, 1965. [redacted]

September 24, 1965)

B. APPROX

The October 19, 1965, edition of "The Atlanta Journal", a daily newspaper published in Atlanta, Georgia, contained an article captioned "Klansmen Arrested on Racial Count." The article states that seven Klan members forced a Negro off a highway and tried to beat him, according to Taliaferro County authorities at Crawfordville, Georgia. Two of those arrested were [redacted] age [redacted] APPROX

[redacted] both of Athens, Georgia, who were acquitted in September, 1964, in the night rider slaying of Negro educator LEMUEL PENN. The Negro was identified as [redacted] a farmer who was driving on U.S. 78, when three carloads of men forced him off the road and tried to drag him from the car.

The NKKKK held a rally at Hartwell, Georgia, on October 23, 1965. Approximately 350 persons were present at the meeting, which was held on the property owned by a man named [redacted] During the rally JAMES R. VENABLE advised all members of the NKKKK to stay away from trouble spots.

[redacted] November 2, 1965)
October 26, 1965)

[redacted] was identified as the head of the ladies' group of the NKKKK [redacted]

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On September 9, 1965, [redacted] stated the following concerning differences between the NKKKK and the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, of which organization he is a leader:

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"Now a word to clarify the status of the KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN and The NATIONAL KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN INC. They being two different and distinct organizations. The NATIONAL KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN, INC has an Imperial Wizard namely James R. Venable. The KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN which you and I and every Klansman in the State of Ohio belong to is governed by an Imperial Klonecilliam who have elected an Emperor and delegated to him certain powers ordinarily exercised by the Imperial Wizard. The Emperor of the KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN happens to be me at the present time. The Imperial Wizard of The NATIONAL KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN has no more authority over our KLAN than does the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans or any other Klan group or visa versa. Klansman Venable being a member of the Imperial Klonecilliam of the KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN has as much authority as any other member and no more. His authority in the NATIONAL KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN is absolute. Any time the Imperial Klonecilliam wishes to elect an Imperial Wizard or delete my delegated authority in any way as a matter of course they are free to do so. In the meantime I fully intend to exercise the authority vested in me by the Imperial Klonecilliam without fear and without favor when necessary. I will state further that I fully intend to live and act according to the constitution of the Order and its Supreme Law. Any

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other course invites disrespect for authority
and anarchy would follow. I will do this with
the full knowledge that I am no more immune
from its provisions than is its newest member."

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[redacted] Buchanan, Georgia, furnished the following voluntary information:

During the Summer of 1965 he and JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, had been working together in the State of Ohio to organize Klan groups. He stated they have not been working to organize the same Klan organization and stated that he, [redacted] has started a Klan organization known as Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. This organization is ruled by a 16-member Imperial Klonecillium. This Imperial Klonecillium has appointed him as the [redacted] of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. While VENABLE is the Imperial Wizard and only national officer of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, he is a member also of the Imperial Klonecillium of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

The National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are two separate and distinct organizations and membership in one organization does not involve membership in the other.

[redacted] advised that Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, of which he is [redacted], uses the four Klan degrees as copywrited by [redacted] and this organization is intended only as a fraternal organization.

[redacted] advised that he and VENABLE have recently had a disagreement and they are not presently working together in the formation of Klan organizations. [redacted] has become disenchanted with VENABLE because VENABLE has accepted into his membership persons of unsavory character and potentially dangerous people who can do nothing but cause embarrassment to any organization to which they belong.

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U. S. KLANS, KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
(U. S. KLANS)

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A source advised on October 12, 1956, that [redacted] organized a new Klan group in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1953. This organization received a corporate charter in Georgia in October, 1955, under the name U. S. Klans. The same source, and [redacted] source, advised in May, 1960, that U. S. Klans has no direct affiliation with any previous Klan group, but utilizes, with only minor changes, the Klan Kloran or ritual written in about 1915 by WILLIAM JOSEPH SIMMONS for use by the Old Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (1915-1944).

These sources advised that the U. S. Klans has as its principal aims and objectives the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy and segregation of the races. On numerous occasions, EDWARDS announced that these objectives would be obtained by legal means, and without violence.

[redacted] source and [redacted] source advised in February, 1961, that at that time a split occurred in U. S. Klans, which resulted in a great majority of the officers and members pulling out and forming a new Klan group.

[redacted] source advised in October, 1963, that U. S. Klans had suffered another split and that most of the members had pulled out and formed a new Klan group.

[redacted] source advised in August, 1964, that U. S. Klans is now a very small organization, [redacted] and maintaining a headquarters at 112½ West Harvard Avenue, College Park, Georgia.

In June, 1965, the Sheriff of Clayton County, Georgia, advised that [redacted] was then confined in a hospital for alcoholics and while in jail prior to such commitment, [redacted] told the sheriff that U. S. Klans has gone out of existence.

Also in June, 1965, the Chief of Police of Clayton County, Jonesboro, Georgia, advised he was told by [redacted] that U. S. Klans is out of existence.

[redacted] source advised in June, 1965, that a former member of U. S. Klans said the organization is dead. [redacted] source referred to above advised in August, 1965, that U. S. Klans is now out of existence.

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ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KLAN
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (ASCK)

A source advised on September 24, 1956, that the Association of South Carolina Klans (ASCK) was organized in the Fall of 1955 and is patterned after the Association of Carolina Klans (ACK). This source said ASCK is a new organization and not a rebirth of ACK, although all high-ranking officials of ASCK had been members of ACK. The source stated announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and combat **integration** of the races; however, the use of violence is disavowed.

[redacted] source advised on September 2, 1950, that ACK was composed of groups formerly members of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) and although ACK severed all connections with AGK on November 14, 1949, the ideals, purposes and policies of the two organizations remained identical. ACK became defunct after conviction and imprisonment of its highest official and other members in 1952.

[redacted] source advised on April 16, 1962, that ASCK continues to operate for the purpose of promoting white supremacy and combating integration by peaceful means by public speaking and propaganda.

[redacted] source said that ASCK, using the name Majority Citizens League of South Carolina, published a monthly newspaper, "Southland Standard," from August through December, 1961, and dropped it due to lack of financial support.

AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED FLORIDA KU KLUX KLAN
(UFKKK)

A source advised on August 20, 1955, that a new organization known as the Florida Ku Klux Klan (FKKK) had been formed at Macclenny, Florida, on August 14, 1955, by former members of the Association of Florida Ku Klux Klan (AFKKK).

The objectives of this group, according to a second source are to oppose integration in the schools and to fight communism.

Regarding AFKKK, [] source advised that a former official of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) formed an organization on July 7, 1953, known as AFKKK. The "Morning Tribune," Tampa, Florida, newspaper, in its August 11, 1955, issue revealed AFKKK disbanded on that date.

[] source advised on October 25, 1956, that AFKKK operated under the same principles and by-laws as the AGK. The AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[] source advised on February 17, 1958, that the FKKK is operating and maintaining the same objectives as set forth above.

[] source advised on June 28, 1961, that at a meeting held in Orlando, Florida, on June 25, 1961, the FKKK and the United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., in Florida, consolidated and the new organization is known as the UFKKK.

On May 17, 1962, the sixth source advised that the UFKKK is still in existence in Florida and maintains the same objectives set forth below.

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1ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA KLANS (AGK)
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

A source advised on January 11, 1961, that the AGK was [redacted] in the spring of 1960, with mailing address of Post Office Box 41, Bloomingdale, Georgia. This source stated that AGK is a new organization and is not affiliated in any way with the old Association of Georgia Klans. It is patterned after the U. S. Klans, has the same general ritual and has the same titles for its Klavern officers. Most officers and members are former members of the U. S. Klans. The announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and to fight integration and Communism by peaceful means, and it is opposed to any type of violence. This source said AGK is affiliated with the National Ku Klux Klan.

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IMPROVED ORDER OF THE U. S. KLANS,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
(IMPROVED ORDER OF THE U. S. KLANS)

Improved Order of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was chartered in DeKalb County, Georgia, on November 7, 1963, as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order." A source advised on October 28, 1963, that the organization was formed as a result of a split in the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. The source reported that the new organization is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who was formerly [REDACTED] of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. The same source advised in May and July, 1965, that the Improved Order of the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., has only two units, both of which are located in Alabama.

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VIGILANTES
LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA

A source advised on July 28, 1964, a hate type organization had been formed in Lamar County, Georgia, known as the Vigilantes. Source advised the Vigilantes' leadership was composed of former Klansmen, some of whom had been arrested in Griffin, Georgia, on April 25, 1964, in possession of numerous firearms.

On April 25, 1964, five men subsequently identified as members of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, burned a cross in downtown Griffin, Georgia, and while the cross was being set up, weapons were pointed at persons standing on the street. These persons were arrested by the Griffin, Georgia Police Department.

Source advised the Vigilantes advocate the use of violence and are opposed to integration in any form. Source advises the leaders of the Vigilantes instruct members to purchase weapons and ammunition.

On September 3, 1964, source advised the Vigilantes, after substantial decrease in membership, advocated the approach that the Bible upholds their views on segregation. Source advised members meet in a church owned by the family of four of the members.



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Atlanta, Georgia
December 22, 1965

Title: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU
KLUX KLAN, INC.
Character: RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN
Reference: Report of SA [redacted]
[redacted] at Atlanta,
dated and captioned as
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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 240045

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RM - KLAN.

RE MEMPHIS LETTER TO BUREAU SEPTEMBER 9, 1965 CONCERNING
THE PROPOSED KLAN RALLY AT PULASKI, TENN., ON DECEMBER 24,
1965.

INFO RECEIVED DECEMBER 21, 1965 THAT JAMES R. VENABLE,
IMPERIAL WIZARD OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION HAD DISCUSSED
SPONSORING A RALLY AT PULASKA, TENN., ON DECEMBER 24, 1965
HOWEVER, HE DECIDED SUCH A PLAN WOULD NOT BE FEASIBLE AND
GAVE UP ANY PLANS IN THAT DIRECTION.

ON DECEMBER 23, 1965, INFO RECEIVED THERE ARE INDICATIONS
THAT SOME KLAN MEMBERS PLAN TO GO TO PULASKI, TENN., ON
DECEMBER 24 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES THERE. THIS
IS NOT DEFINITE BUT INDICATIONS WERE THAT SOME OF THE
KLAN MEMBERS WERE DISCUSSING MAKING THE TRIP.

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Report of: SA [redacted]
Date: 12/26/65

Office: CINCINNATI

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Bureau File No.: 157-168

Title: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

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Synopsis: NKKKK, Inc. granted Ohio charter 10/5/64, and charter revoked 10/22/64. [redacted] Oregonia, Ohio, (Warren County) is self-appointed Ohio Klan organizer, being responsible for setting up several rallies in Ohio during 1965. NKKKK has no Ohio headquarters or Klaverns in operation. [redacted] reportedly acts independently for personal financial gain. [redacted] original Ohio Klan [redacted] has reportedly broken away from NKKKK and aligned with United Klans of America, Inc. Ohio state officials, Columbus, Ohio, advised there is currently no Klan organizations chartered in Ohio.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) and National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc. is contained in the appendix of this report.

I. ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

A. Charter Information

On October 8, 1964 [redacted]
Secretary of State's Office, Columbus, Ohio, advised public

records from this office indicate a charter was granted the NKKKK of Ohio on October 5, 1964, by the State of Ohio.

The incorporation papers were signed by [redacted]
[redacted] Columbus, Ohio, [redacted]
Grove City, Ohio, [redacted] Grove City,
Ohio, [redacted]

On October 23, 1964, [redacted] Corporation
Council, State House, Secretary of State's Office, State
of Ohio, advised that the NKKKK of Ohio, Inc. charter granted
October 5, 1964, was revoked October 22, 1964.

On December 14, 1965, [redacted] advised as follows:

Since the date of charter revocation by the State of
Ohio, one [redacted] Oregonia, Ohio, (Warren County)
has established himself as [redacted] of the
Klan in Ohio. [redacted] has been responsible for organizing several
Klan rallies in Ohio during 1965 and claims affiliation with
JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, NKKKK, Tucker, Georgia.

[redacted] of Columbus, Ohio, after proclaiming
himself [redacted] of NKKKK during October, 1964, has
cancelled his allegiance from this Klan to the United Klans of
America (UKA). [redacted] made this switch during August, 1965.
[redacted] has followed with similar action, also
aligning himself with UKA. [redacted] within the past
sixty days has ceased to participate in any Klan activity, and
is believed to have resigned his membership from NKKKK.

[redacted] added that friction developed between [redacted]
[redacted] and JAMES VENABLE as a result of VENABLE's participation
in the Klan rally held on [redacted] farm at Oregonia, Ohio,
during Memorial Day weekend of 1965. [redacted] then broke away
from NKKKK and aligned himself with UKA.

A characterization of UKA is contained in the appendix
of this report.

B. Headquarters and Klaverns

[redacted] has repeatedly advised on numerous occasions
that the NKKKK has no Ohio headquarters or Klaverns in operation.
[redacted] Oregonia, Ohio, has held several small attended
closed meetings at his farm in Oregonia, Ohio. These meetings
were usually decided independently by [redacted] and were held mainly

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for personal financial gain of SCOTT.

C. General Activities

On June 1, 1965 [] advised as follows:

~~JAMES R. VENABLE~~
A Klan rally affiliated with NKKKK was held on the farm owned by [] Oregonia, Ohio, during Memorial Day weekend, 1965. JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, made two speeches during the rally attacking Communism in Government, Negroes, Jews, and President JOHNSON's governmental policy regarding civil and voting rights of Negroes. Approximately one hundred individuals filled out applications to join this Klan, and a lot of money was collected as initiation dues from individuals filling out Klan applications.

On June 28, 1965, [] furnished the following information:

A secret Klan initiation ceremony took place on the farm owned by [] at Oregonia, Ohio, June 27, 1965. Approximately seventy-five to one hundred individuals were probably inducted into the Klan this date. The induction rights were secret, being closed to the public and all news media. JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, and [] presided over the ceremony.

On September 23, 1965, [] advised as follows:

A Klan rally under sponsorship of NKKKK was held September 18, 1965, on the property owned by [] at Lodi, Ohio. On September 19, 1965, at this same site, initiation ceremonies were held, and approximately fifty individuals were initiated into this Klan organization. Most of the individuals initiated were from the Lodi, Ohio, and surrounding area.

On November 6 and 9, 1965, [] advised as follows:

The Klan rally, which was scheduled to be held near Dillsboro, Indiana, on November 6, 1965, did not take place as Dearborn County, Indiana, officials served a court order to JAMES R. VENABLE, which prohibited a gathering under an Indiana anti-hate law. As a result of this action, Klan officials who gathered to conduct this rally, which included [] decided to transfer the rally site to [] farm at Oregonia, Ohio.

During the p.m. of November 6, 1965, the rally was started, and approximately one hundred individuals were in attendance. Those present consisted of members of the news media, interested onlookers, and Klansmen. JAMES R. VENABLE made a short speech during the rally, expounding the Klan policy line, and was accompanied by [redacted] described as an old friend of VENABLE'S. A cross was burned on the rally site; no violence took place.

On December 13, 1965, [redacted] advised as follows:

After officials of the Eagles Lodge in Newport, Kentucky, refused to allow a scheduled Klan meeting to be held at the Eagles Lodge on December 12, 1965, it was decided to transfer the meeting site to [redacted] farm at Oregonia, Ohio. The meeting took place on [redacted] farm; however, neither JAMES R. VENABLE or [redacted] made an appearance as was originally scheduled. This caused extreme disappointment to [redacted]. Approximately seventy-five persons were present, and the possibility exists that a very small number of those present were initiated into the Klan.

The purpose of the meeting was to explain that the UKA was attempting "to raid and steal" members from NKKKK for UKA. A Grand Dragon was supposed to be appointed for the State of Ohio; however, this appointment was not made.

On December 14, 1965, [redacted] advised as follows:

During the above meeting at [redacted] farm on December 12, 1965, [redacted] told everyone present that there were no additional plans for Klan meetings or rallies until after January 1, 1966, especially in view of the Klan hearings scheduled in Washington, D.C. during January, 1966. Also JAMES R. VENABLE and [redacted] never made an appearance at the above meeting because they were in the Cleveland - Akron, Ohio, area on December 11 or 12, 1965, or both dates, on some type of Klan business.

D. Miscellaneous Information

The following investigation was conducted at Columbus, Ohio, on October 25, 1965, by SA [redacted]

[redacted] Ohio State Department, Corporation's Office, advised there is currently no

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incorporation papers on file for either the NKKKK or UKA.

xplained neither of these groups are presently incorporated as either profit or non-profit organizations.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 12/30/65

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

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Shelley Hopkins

The following names of individuals are furnished
the Bureau and Atlanta for indexing purposes.

On 12/9/65, [REDACTED] (Prob.) advised these persons
are members of above Klan:



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With regard to content, the insert should include:

(1) The location of State Headquarters and the names and titles of State Officials, if any.

(2) The number of Klaverns and the membership figures for the area covered by the reporting office. (The names, location and identities of officials of Klaverns need not be set forth in the insert unless a compelling reason exists.)

(3) A summary of Klavern and State organizations, finances, publications, and propaganda. Information concerning public rallies should be limited to those of the State or National organization; however, the total number of rallies should be set forth.

In connection with the above, it is noted the NKKKK was organized primarily for the purpose of uniting various other small Klan organizations. Therefore, in most instances, the NKKKK does not organize units of NKKKK under that organization but its activities are carried on to some extent through other Klan organizations. However, in those instances where a Klan organization, such as the United Florida Ku Klux Klan, is considered a member organization, it is felt the information pertaining to such organizations should be concerned primarily with the above activities pertaining to that organization, and the above requested background pertaining to such member Klan organizations should be furnished for inclusion in Atlanta's NKKKK annual report.

It is requested the inserts be submitted to Atlanta by February 1, 1966.

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SHREVEPORT KLAVERN, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA
RM (KLAN)

Enclosed to the Bureau are eight (8) copies of
lhm which are self-explanatory.

On late afternoon of 12/18/65, [] advised
of the information set forth in enclosed lhm regarding
Klan plans. Informant said that at least eight (8) or
10 men are aware of this information.

Copies are being disseminated to ICG, ONI, OSI,
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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
SHREVEPORT KLAVERN, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

On December 18, 1965, a confidential informant advised that Western Electric Company was having a Christmas party at the Convention Hall, Shreveport, Louisiana, at night and klansmen, led by [redacted] planned some harassment because Negro and white employees of the Company would be there.

This information was furnished to [redacted]
[redacted] of Public Safety, Shreveport, Louisiana on December 18, 1965.

On December 20, 1965, Harvey Teasley, Chief of Police, advised that officers observed [redacted] and four or five other men who were observing the area in the vicinity of the Convention Hall. This was between 8 and 9 p.m. on December 18, 1965. Officers approached [redacted] and inquired as to his intent, and he said he had pulled his men off and they did not plan anything but were there to catch a stool pigeon. To this, the police replied that they patrolled and policed all such parties and especially those at the Convention Hall, which hall is owned by the City. No further action was taken by the police other than to order [redacted] out of the area.

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Will follow and report on activities of NKKKK in North Carolina.

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Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: CHARLOTTE

Date:

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Field Office File #157-193

Bureau File #: 157-168

Title:

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Character:

RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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Synopsis:

National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) chartered in North Carolina 7/29/65. State Headquarters located at P. O. Box 1782, Wilson, N. C. [REDACTED] oib2
NKKKK in North Carolina, claimed 5 Klaverns established including one at Wilson and one at Raleigh, N. C. Organizational meeting of Raleigh Klavern of NKKKK held 8/18/65 with [REDACTED] members present. As of 9/15/65 there were 12 members in the Raleigh Klavern. [REDACTED] b6 b7C b7D
identified [REDACTED] Teenage auxiliary being formed in Raleigh, N. C. No information obtained concerning formation of other Klaverns in North Carolina.

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DETAILS: I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTUREA. HEADQUARTERS

State Headquarters of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) in North Carolina is located at Post Office Box 1782, Wilson, North Carolina.

[REDACTED] October 25, 1965)

B. CHARTER INFORMATION

On July 29, 1965, Application for Certificate of Authority of a Foreign Corporation in the name of the NKKKK was filed with the office of the Secretary of State of North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina. The application shows NKKKK is a Georgia Corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia on November 1, 1963, with the principal office in the State of incorporation located at 4107 Lawrenceville Highway, Tucker, Georgia, Post Office Box 107. The address of the registered office of the corporation in North Carolina is 207 Emory Street, Wilson North Carolina, and the registered agent at that address is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] State of North
Carolina, Raleigh, North
Carolina, August 3, 1965)

C. OBJECTIVES

The purposes of the corporation as reflected in the Application for Certificate of Authority are shown as follows:
"A non-profit, secret, benevolent, patriotic organization of a fraternal nature; to solicit memberships and hold public meetings and rallies for the purpose of gaining membership; to collect membership dues and fees that are used to promote said organization and its ideas and beliefs."

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D. STATE OFFICERS

[REDACTED] Wilson, North Carolina,
[REDACTED] Realm of North Carolina, NKKKK.

[REDACTED] September 30, 1965)

II. KLAVERNS

[redacted] claimed that 5 Klaverns had been established in North Carolina, including one at Wilson and one at Raleigh.

[redacted] September 19, 1965)

A. RALEIGH

A meeting was held at Raleigh, North Carolina, on August 18, 1965, for the purpose of forming a unit of NKKKK. This meeting was attended by [redacted] individuals who became members of NKKKK at this meeting.

[redacted]

At a meeting of the Raleigh Klavern of NKKKK held at 2009 Miles Street, Raleigh, on September 15, 1965, [redacted] was elected permanent [redacted] of the unit and [redacted] was identified as the newly elected lecturer. It was learned that the total membership of the Raleigh Klavern was 12.

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B. APPROX. 9/19/65

At a meeting of the Raleigh Klavern of NKKKK held on September 29, 1965, it was learned that a teenage auxiliary had been formed and that [redacted] a sophomore at Broughton High School had been sworn in. [redacted] is the only known member of the teenage auxiliary but is attempting to recruit members.

On October 20, 1965, at a meeting of NKKKK held at Raleigh, North Carolina, it was learned that 5 teenagers had permission from their parents to join the Klan auxiliary. It was also learned at this meeting that the Raleigh unit has \$16.00 in its treasury.

B. DURHAM

[redacted] Durham, North Carolina, has indicated an interest in joining the NKKKK and creating a Klavern in Durham; however, he was told by [redacted] to hold off until after the House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings.

[redacted] November 19, 1965)

C. OTHERS

No information has been furnished concerning Klaverns being in existence in Wilson, North Carolina, or in locations in North Carolina other than those mentioned above.

III. FINANCES

The following policy with regard to finances of NKKKK has been expressed by [redacted]

When a public rally is held all money taken up will remain with the Klavern sponsoring the rally. All dues will remain with the Klavern. Ten dollars of each initiation fee will be sent to the State office for each new member. Of this amount \$2.50 will be sent to the national office.

[redacted] October 25, 1965)


IV. PUBLICATIONS AND PROPAGANDA

[redacted] was attempting to locate a printer and had indicated that the NKKKK would need applications, rally schedules, membership cards, klorans, and other materials. It was learned that BROWN was in the process of mailing 1,000 letters to merchants in the vicinity of Wilson, North Carolina, known to be sympathetic toward the Klan.

[redacted] September 30, 1965)

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A leaflet captioned "Thanksgiving ???" published by NKKK, showing the State office at Wilson, North Carolina, set forth the primary purpose of the Klan as patriotism, Americanism, and supremacy of the Caucasian race. This leaflet revealed the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was founded on Thanksgiving Day in 1915 and urged that contributions be sent to the Klan to insure "our children have a Free Thanksgiving Day 50 years from now."

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Charlotte, North Carolina
January 10, 1965

Title NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
 KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Character RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

Reference Report of SA [REDACTED] b6
 dated January 10, 1965, at b7C
 Charlotte, North Carolina

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FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-39) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RM - KLAN

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau, 12/27/65, requesting that inserts concerning member organizations such as the United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK), be furnished for inclusion in Atlanta's annual report on the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (NKKKK).

In connection with the above, it is noted that the UFKKK is the only klan organization in the Jacksonville Division associated with the NKKKK.

The UFKKK, while associated with the NKKKK is an independent klan organization and the Bureau has instructed that a separate annual report concerning the activities of the UFKKK be submitted to the Bureau.

There have been no activities of the captioned organization as such in the Jacksonville Division.

It is noted that to include an insert concerning the UFKKK in the annual report of captioned organization would be a duplication of Jacksonville's annual report on the UFKKK and apparently would serve no useful purpose. It is therefore recommended that the Atlanta Office merely report that the UFKKK is one of the organizations associated with the NKKKK, ~~the~~ include characterization of the UFKKK.

An insert concerning the UFKKK will not be furnished the Atlanta Division UACB.

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To: **REC-11** SAC, Jacksonville (157-39)

From: Director, FBI (157-168) - *522*

**NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTER - (KLAN)**

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Re ATairtel 12/27/65 and Jacksonville airtel 1/4/66.

Captioned organization is a federation of separate Klan organizations. In order for the Atlanta Office to prepare the annual national summary report required by February 15, of each year it is necessary to have information relative to the separate organizations making up this federation with particular emphasis on those organizations' activities on behalf of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Atlanta should have available also a brief summary of the organizational structure of the separate Klan organizations.

It is believed that Atlanta's request for an insert reflecting this information is not only reasonable but necessary for Atlanta to fulfill its obligation and, accordingly, the Jacksonville Office is instructed to prepare the insert as requested.

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NOTE:

The Jacksonville Office advised it would not supply the insert requested by Atlanta since it has the responsibility for preparing an over-all summary report regarding the United Florida Ku Klux Klan, which is a member of captioned organization and it believed that information furnished Atlanta would be repetitious. This view is not correct since Atlanta will be reporting on captioned organization and of necessity must report on the individual organizations making up captioned organization. Atlanta will not have access to Jacksonville report on United Florida Klan since both reports due same date.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (157-32) (RUC)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RM - KLAN

(OO: Atlanta)

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum re activities of members of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK), Pulaski, Tennessee, on 12/24/65.

Two copies of enclosed letterhead memorandum are being furnished to Atlanta.

One copy of letterhead memorandum is being disseminated to each of the following agencies:

ONI, Sixth Naval District, Charleston, S. C.
OSI, Eighth District, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
G-2, Headquarters, Third U. S. Army, Ft. McPherson, Ga.
11th INTC Group, Memphis, Tennessee;
Region 1, 11th INTC Group, Nashville, Tenn.
1 - U. S. Secret Service, Memphis;
1 - U. S. Attorney, Memphis, Tenn.

SAM YARBROUGH, Chief of Police, Pulaski, Tenn., furnished information set forth in enclosed LHM to

SA [redacted] 1/7/66. See detached by.

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (Encs. 2) (157-60) (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (1 - 157-32)
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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
January 10, 1966

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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8uty/ftr

Re: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

On January 7, 1966, Mr. Sam Yarbrough, Chief of Police, Pulaski, Tennessee, advised that three white males appeared at the Pulaski Police Department on December 24, 1965, and made inquiry in relation to where the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) meeting was to be held. They advised that they were from Florida. Chief Yarbrough advised that the abovementioned individuals were advised that there was no KKK meeting to be held in Pulaski, Tennessee, to his knowledge.

Chief Yarbrough stated that James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK), appeared in Pulaski, Tennessee, on December 24, 1965, with a white male, who claimed to be a Chaplain, and an elderly woman. Venable appeared at the "Giles Free Press," a Pulaski newspaper, and announced their presence in Pulaski. Venable advised that he did not contemplate any march or parade on the part of the NKKKK while in Pulaski. The news media asked Venable to pose in his robe which he refused to do.

Venable and his party of two remained overnight in the Windsor Village Motel, Pulaski.

Chief Yarbrough stated that there was no Klan activity in Pulaski on December 24, 1965, other than the presence of the above six individuals.

A characterization of the NKKKK is set forth in the Appendix attached hereto.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)
FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-13)(RUC)
RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RM - KLAN

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Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau, 12/27/65.

The Mobile file in the above captioned matter has been reviewed and no activity of captioned organization within this division was reflected for the past year and, accordingly, no insert of investigation is being submitted.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-39)
SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RM (KLAN)

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Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau, 12/27/65.

With regard to the inserts to be submitted to Atlanta to be included in the annual summary report in captioned matter, Tampa should include information concerning the state organization of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan as is being done in the regular quarterly reports.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
(OO: Atlanta)

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 7 copies of LHM captioned "NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., PROPOSED PRIVATE SCHOOL, LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA," suitable for dissemination.

[Redacted Box] (PROB).

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Atlanta, Georgia
January 13, 1966

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
PROPOSED PRIVATE SCHOOL, LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA

On January 10, 1966, [redacted] advised [redacted]
[redacted], leaders of the National
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., at Barnesville,
Georgia, have indicated they plan to establish a private
school in Lamar County, Georgia. They advised the school
would be located at [redacted] church which is on
[redacted] property and that the school teacher would
be [redacted] stated the
school would have no connection with the Klan.

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[redacted] The school is being organized as [redacted]
[redacted] believe the public schools in Lamar County,
Georgia, will be integrated in the Fall of 1966.

[redacted] advised that on January 10, 1966,
[redacted] advised that [redacted] of Griffin,
Georgia, was helping them prepare the bylaws and obtain
a charter for this private school. On January 10, 1966,
[redacted] went to see [redacted] to determine whether
or not [redacted] had obtained the county judge's signature on
the charter for a private school. [redacted] had been
unable to locate the attorney to determine whether or not
the judge's signature had been obtained. [redacted]
indicated that it would be necessary to publish their
charter in a local newspaper. He stated it had cost them
\$96.00 to date in their efforts to establish a private school.

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Atlanta, Georgia
January 13, 1966

Title NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
 PROPOSED PRIVATE SCHOOL, LAMAR COUNTY,
 GEORGIA

Character

Reference Letterhead memorandum at Atlanta,
 Georgia, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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Date: 1/12/66

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN
OO: Atlanta

8-22-88 SP80y/bab

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a self-explanatory LHM.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished the local office of United States Secret Service and one copy is being furnished to the local office of G-2. These are specifically being furnished because of a showing of a propensity towards violence on the part of some members of the local Klavern as well as the possible interest in the proposed Klan March on Washington.

[redacted] Bureau of Special Investigation, CVPD, was on 1/10/66, orally furnished pertinent information from the LHM.

AIRTEL TO [redacted] The confidential source mentioned in the LHM is [redacted] (probationary).

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-10261

Cleveland, Ohio
January 11, 1966

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., (NKKKK)

A characterization of the NKKKK appears as an appendix attached hereto.

Information from NKKKK
Klavern #6, Cleveland,
Ohio, meeting of January 9,
1966, reflecting on Klan March
on Washington, D.C., May 30,
1966, and seeds of violence

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A Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 10, 1966, informed that Klavern #6 (Cleveland, Ohio area), of the NKKKK held a regular meeting on January 9, 1966, at Cleveland, Ohio.

During the course of this meeting source stated that he overheard [redacted] of Klavern #6, advise another Klansman that the Klan plans a march on Washington, D.C., on Memorial Day, May 30, 1966. [redacted] related that the purpose of the march is to stop integration and force the repeal of all Civil Rights Laws. [redacted] remarked, "If this march is not successful the Klan intends to revolt against the government and start another Civil War".

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In regard to the above, [redacted] advised that the Klan March on Washington is being organized on a national scale and that he received his information from "National Headquarters in Georgia."

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For the information of the Bureau, [redacted]
[redacted] who are mentioned in the LHM are currently
subjects of active investigation.

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The Atlanta office is being alerted to information pertaining to the Klan March on Washington and is requested to furnish CV any information pertaining to this facet of investigation. The CV office will closely follow the activities of Klavern #6 and take appropriate action where indicated.

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KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

This source also advised that during the course of the meeting a general discussion took place concerning security within the Klan. During this phase [redacted] a member of Klavern #6, suggested the formation of a "Black Squad" which would be the Klan's "enforcers" who would be authorized to beat or kill any informers. [redacted] stated that in addition to handling security within the Klan the "Black Squad" would be used to beat or kill "niggers" at their Civil Rights meetings. [redacted] stated that all that was needed was to let them congregate and then slip a bomb into their meeting room to blow up 50 or 100 "niggers". He added that he felt that maybe the rest of the "niggers" would get the idea that the Klan means business.

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Cleveland (100-10261)

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From: Director, FBI (157-168) 528

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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ReCVairtel 1/12/66.

The Cleveland Office is instructed to maintain close contact with logical sources to determine full details and any further plans regarding a march on Washington on 5/30/66. Inasmuch as this appears to be possible activity of captioned organization, the Atlanta Office should immediately contact informants to determine whether organization has any such plans. In the event this information is verified, Atlanta should alert all auxiliary offices to insure all informants provide full coverage. Any information pertaining to this activity must be promptly furnished to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

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The Cleveland Office should also intensify coverage regarding the "Black Squad." It appears that any individual selected for formulation of such a squad would be considered to have definite propensity for violence. Cleveland must insure that full informant coverage is maintained on any such activity and that the Bureau's interests are fully protected.

Nonprosecutive summary reports regarding [redacted] should be promptly submitted.

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Airtel to SACs, Atlanta, Cleveland
RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
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NOTE:

Cleveland advised by referenced airtel and letterhead memorandum of same date that [redacted] of Klavern 6 of captioned organization, stated the Klan planned a March on Washington on Memorial Day 5/30/66 and remarked that if the march was not successful, the Klan intends to revolt and start another Civil War. He claimed to have received this information from national headquarters in Georgia; however, no other informants including those close to the national leaders have furnished any such information. [redacted] of this klavern has urged the formation of a "Black Squad" to commit acts of violence.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
(OO: Atlanta)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 8-22-88 BY [redacted]

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original
and 7 copies of LHM setting forth information concerning
planned action of possible violence on 1/15/66.

[redacted] (PROB) who advised he is
the Klansman from Barnesville, Georgia, who was told to be
at [redacted] on 1/15/66, to meet with three
Klansmen from Thomaston, Georgia. [redacted] will go to [redacted]

[redacted] Georgia who has
requested his identity be protected. [redacted] was interviewed
on [redacted] by SA [redacted] During interview,
[redacted] agreed to notify the Bureau in the event he learned

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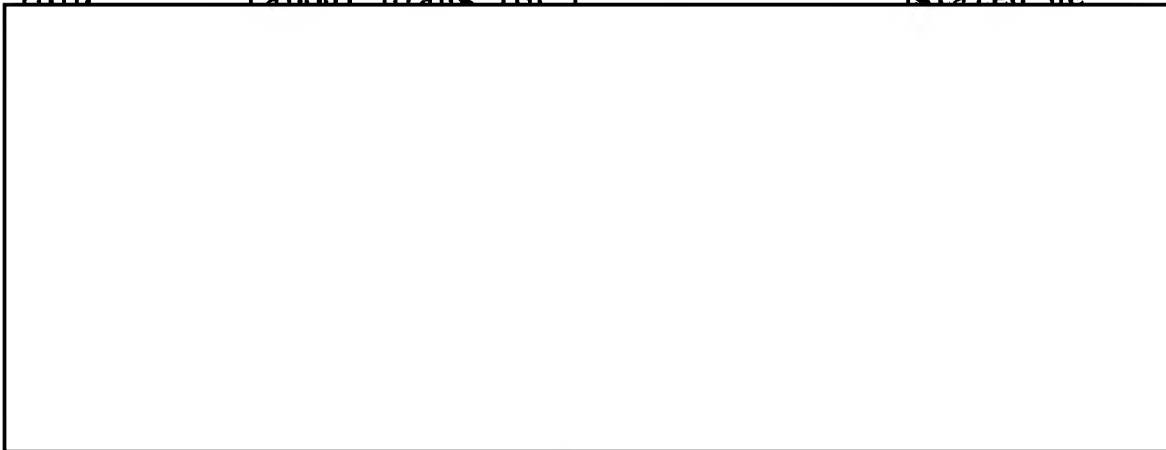
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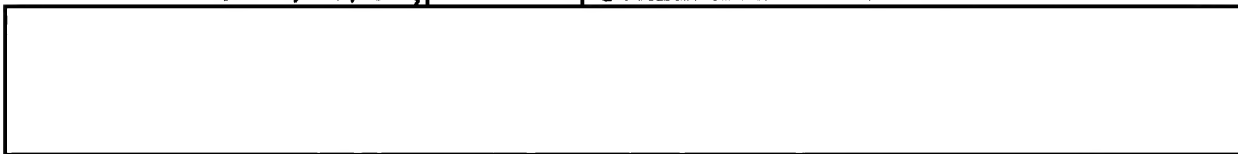
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of any proposed violence by the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. [] admitted having visited a [] home and intended to join National Knights of the KKK, Inc.

On 1/12/66, [] advised that following his interview on 1/11/66, he was approached by [] who told [] about plans for [] stated he



On 1/13/66, [] confirmed he had contacted



farm is located in the rural area where a discreet surveillance is not feasible.

Informant will go to [] [] but does not believe anything will transpire

[] advised leaders of the National Knights of the KKK, Inc. have indicated they will not personally become involved in acts of violence as long as the case pending against them in Crawfordville, Georgia, has not been disposed of.

The Bureau will be advised immediately in the event there are any further developments in this matter.

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Atlanta, Georgia
January 13, 1966

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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 utj/ob

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA, AND PROPOSED ACTIVITY
ON NIGHT OF JANUARY 15, 1966

On January 10, 1966, [redacted] advised the Barnesville Klavern of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. held a meeting near the residence of [redacted] at RFD, Barnesville, Georgia, on January 9, 1966. Only [redacted] Klansmen were present at this meeting. [redacted] of this Klavern, [redacted] who was acquitted in the murder of Lemuel A. Penn, told members they did not have to worry about their names being divulged as they had gotten together and burned all records.

[redacted] advised that he has learned that following this meeting, [redacted] instructed one [redacted] who lives at Thomaston, Georgia, to get [redacted] at 8:00 PM, Saturday, [redacted]. They were to meet with Barnesville, Georgia Klansmen at [redacted]. These men were to be armed and have at least one high-powered rifle to a car. [redacted] stated he had a job to be done right away but would not further elaborate.

On January 12, 1966, [redacted] advised he had learned [redacted] had contacted [redacted] and had advised them he had been told by [redacted]

[redacted] They were to meet at Mitchell's house at 8:00 PM ready to go. They were to be dressed in black and have sidearms with them. [redacted] stated that the last car was to have a high-powered rifle in case the men were followed. [redacted] claimed he did not know what these men were supposed to do.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA, AND PROPOSED ACTIVITY
ON NIGHT OF JANUARY 15, 1966

On January 13, 1966, [] advised that every person in the Thomaston, Georgia area who had been associated with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. in Barnesville, Georgia, had learned that their identities had become known to the FBI and that all had decided against going to Barnesville, Georgia, on January 15, 1966. [] advised that [] had at first indicated he would go to Barnesville, Georgia, but subsequently changed his mind.

On January 11, 1966, [] Lamar County, Barnesville, Georgia, was advised of the proposed plans on the night of January 15, 1966, which might possibly entail some violence.

On January 13, 1966, [] Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Atlanta, Georgia, and [] 111th INTC, Fort McPherson, Georgia, were advised of the proposed plans of this group.

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Atlanta, Georgia
January 13, 1966

Title NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,
BARNESVILLE, GEORGIA, AND PROPOSED
ACTIVITY ON NIGHT OF JANUARY 15, 1966

Character

Reference Letterhead memorandum at Atlanta,
Georgia, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE CLEVELAND	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ATLANTA	DATE 1/21/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 11/30/65 - 1/18/66
TITLE OF CASE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, Inc. (NKKKK)		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED hs
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CINCINNATIAt Columbus, Ohio

Will review records of the Secretary of State's Office to determine if a charter has been granted to the Educational Sportsmen's Fund, which is the name under which Klavern #6 NKKKK has its bank account.

APPROVED <i>E. J. J.</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
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CLEVELAND

At Cleveland, Ohio

Will follow and report the activities of the NKKKK within the Cleveland Division.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Location</u>
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SA [REDACTED]

Office: CLEVELAND

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January 21, 1966

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
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RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

Synopsis:

No local headquarters for the NKKKK in the Cleveland, Ohio, area. Objectives of local Klan are to fight integration and to fight for the repeal of civil rights laws. Klavern #6 located in Cleveland, and Klavern #7 located in Akron, Ohio; each reported to have 75 members. Officers of Klavern #6 identified

[REDACTED] identified [REDACTED] the Klan in Akron. Secret Klan meeting held on 10/17/65, Strongsville, Ohio, at which initiation of new members into NKKKK conducted. Approximately 200 people reported at this meeting, including [REDACTED] Oregonia, Ohio, NKKKK [REDACTED] in Ohio. Meetings of Klavern #6 held on 11/28/65, at which 53 persons were in attendance; on 12/11/65, at which 20 persons present; and on 1/9/66. At meeting of 1/9/66 discussion held concerning Klan March on Washington, D. C., scheduled for Memorial Day, 1966. Purpose of march alleged to be to stop integration and to force repeal of civil rights laws. Discussion at

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meeting also concerned special Klan squad to beat or kill informers and to beat or kill Negroes. Klavern #6 reported to have bank balance of \$105.95.

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DETAILS:

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK), and United Klans of America (UKA) is contained in the Appendix of this report.

I. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

A. Headquarters

[] advised on January 14, 1966, that as of this time there is no headquarters for the NKKKK in the Cleveland, Ohio, area.

B. Charter Information

[] advised on January 14, 1966, that to his knowledge the NKKKK does not at this time have a state charter. He added that he has heard that the Educational Sportsmen's Fund, which is the name under which the NKKKK in Cleveland conducts its financial business, has received a charter from the State of Ohio.

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C. Objectives

[] advised on January 14, 1966, that based on his association with Klan members and attendance at Klan meetings, he concluded that the current objectives of the Klan are to fight integration and to fight for the repeal of the civil rights laws.

II. KLAVERNS

A. Name and Location

[redacted] advised on January 14, 1966, that to his knowledge Klavern #6 in Cleveland, Ohio, and Klavern #7 in Akron, Ohio, are the only two active Klaverns in this area.

B. Membership

[redacted] advised on January 14, 1966, that it has been announced at meetings of Klavern #6, Cleveland, Ohio, that Klavern #6 has 75 members; and that Klavern #7 in Akron, Ohio, also has 75 members.

C. Recruiting Activity

[redacted] advised on January 14, 1966, that to his knowledge the only form that recruiting of new NKKKK members has taken in this area is for current Klan members to give application blanks to friends and then submit these applications to the Klan leaders for approval.

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D. Officers

[redacted] advised on January 14, 1966, that the officers of Klavern #6, Cleveland, Ohio, are [redacted]

[redacted] advised on November 13, 1965, that [redacted] Akron, Ohio, will head the Klan in the Akron area.

III. ACTIVITIES OF KLAVERNS

A. Meetings

Chief of Police CHARLES P. SPERBER, Police Department, Strongsville, Ohio, advised on October 18, 1965, that the NKKKK

held a meeting on October 17, 1965, on the farm of [REDACTED] Strongsville, Ohio. Chief SPERBER stated that there were no KKK signs at the site nor were there any KKK signs pointing out the route to the farm as there had been in previous Klan rallies held in this area. He also noted that there were no hooded Klansmen present. There was a small sign observed at the entrance to the [REDACTED] farm which read "[REDACTED] is here." Chief SPERBER stated that he believes this sign identified the farm for those attending. He also advised that he feels that the [REDACTED] referred to on the sign is [REDACTED] Ohio [REDACTED] for the NKKKK, from Oregonia, Ohio. Chief SPERBER stated that throughout the day he occasionally saw [REDACTED], whom he personally knows, on the [REDACTED] property.

Chief SPERBER advised that he kept the [REDACTED] farm under observation from approximately 10:00 AM, October 17, 1965, shortly after the meeting began, until 3:00 PM when the last of the participators in the meeting departed. About 100 automobiles were observed during this period traveling on [REDACTED] toward the [REDACTED] farm. Chief SPERBER stated that because of the terrain and limited manpower, he could not definitely establish if all these cars actually entered the [REDACTED] farm. He noted that at least one or two individuals, mostly men, were in each car and that a possible total of 150 cars could have entered the [REDACTED] farm, including those he initially observed in the cow pasture numbering approximately 50. Chief SPERBER specifically pointed out that he was unable to cover the parking area due to the terrain and the heavy brush that hid the parking area from his view.

Chief SPERBER stated that members of his department were able to observe a barn on the [REDACTED] property where it was apparent that the action was taking place. He stated that usually one or two individuals would gather at the barn entrance and when a small group had formed they would be admitted to the barn together. These same individuals would then depart in about one hour. As these individuals would gather at the barn entrance, it appeared that they were being checked out by one or two men and at times [REDACTED]

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[] was observed talking to these men. According to Chief SPERBER, the meeting was orderly and no incidents occurred.

[] Strongsville, Ohio, advised on October 19, 1965, that on October 17, 1965, [] noticed an unusually large number of automobiles enter the [] farm. [] stated that [] observed an American and Confederate flag flying in the field near the [] barn. [] advised that during the day [] estimated that "at least 100 cars" entered and left the [] property.

[] Strongsville, Ohio, advised on October 19, 1965, that [] advised that [] was aware of the Klan affair which took place on the [] farm on October 17, 1965. [] noted that []

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[] stated that on October 17, 1965, at approximately 10:00 AM cars began to arrive at the [] farm. The cars were checked at the entrance and then parked in a cow pasture and the occupants would then walk to the barn. At the front of the barn these men would again be checked and when a small group had assembled they would all be admitted to the barn. As soon as these men entered the barn [] as though some sort of ceremony was taking place. []

[] estimated that "there must have been 200 men there during the day."

[] advised on October 19, 1965, that he learned that the NKKKK held a meeting on October 17, 1965, at the [] farm, Strongsville, Ohio. Source advised that this was a secret initiation of new members into the NKKKK.

[] advised that the NKKKK held their last initiation on September 9, 1965, near Lodi, Ohio, but that there were many individuals who indicated that they would be unable to attend this initiation and consequently were initiated on October 17, 1965.

[] advised on October 21, 1965, that the NKKKK affair held at Strongsville, Ohio, on October 17, 1965, was an initiation of new members into the organization. Those initiated on October 17, 1965, had been unable to attend the prior initiation held in September, 1965, near Lodi, Ohio. This source advised that all arrangements for the affair were personally handled by []. He pointed out that no persons other than [] personal entourage from Southern Ohio, those individuals to be initiated, and a select group from the Strongsville area, who were friends of [] were cognizant of the affair.

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[] advised on November 30, 1965, that on November 18, 1965, a closed NKKKK meeting was held at David Hall, 4105 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio. This meeting was organized by [] the Ohio Klan [] from Oregonia, Ohio. There were 53 persons in attendance and 25 individuals were initiated into the Klan during the meeting. According to the source, the real purpose of the meeting was to establish a Klavern in Cleveland, Ohio. The source stated that even though it is believed that the Klavern is now established, a headquarters location has not been set up. A President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer were elected to operate the Klan during the meeting. There were no national Klan figures present during the meeting.

[] advised on November 30, 1965, that at the meeting of Cleveland Klavern #6 NKKKK held on November 28,

1965. at David Hall. [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] Bureau of Special Investigation, Cleveland Police Department, advised on November 29, 1965, that he had learned that the NKKKK held a meeting on November 28, 1965, at David Hall. There were approximately 50 people in attendance and approximately 22 people took the Klan oath and were initiated into the Klan.

[redacted] advised on December 13, 1965, that a meeting of Klavern #6 NKKKK was held at David Hall on December 11, 1965. According to the source, approximately 20 people were present. [redacted] was identified as the [redacted]

It was announced at the meeting that a bank account for Klavern #6 under the name "Educational Sportsmen's Fund" was opened at the Cleveland Trust Bank. Annual dues for Klansmen were announced to be \$15, of which \$6.50 is kept for local Klaverns and the balance sent to Georgia. A discussion regarding possible informers in the Klan was held.

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[redacted] advised on January 10, 1966, that on January 9, 1966, a meeting of Klavern #6 NKKKK was held at Bohemian National Hall, Cleveland, Ohio. In the course of this meeting, [redacted] of Klavern #6, stated that the Klan planned a March on Washington, D. C., on Memorial Day, 1966. The purpose of this march, according to [redacted] would be to stop integration and force the repeal of the civil rights laws. [redacted] remarked, "If this march is not successful, the Klan intends to revolt against the government and start another Civil War." [redacted] stated that he received his information concerning this march from "national headquarters in Georgia."

The removal of [redacted] was also discussed by the members. The reasons for his removal are his advanced age and his tendency to live in the past.

Women and men Klan members went to the basement of the building where they viewed a movie which purportedly concerned the distribution of food baskets to the needy on Christmas Eve, 1965. After the movie, the women departed and the men returned to the meeting.

The next Klan meeting was discussed and it was stressed that it would be an important one. [redacted] are to attend and a new Exalted Cyclops will be named. The meeting is scheduled for January 23, 1966, but the location was not announced.

[redacted] The need for more stringent security was discussed. [redacted] a member of Klavern #6, suggested that a "Black Squad" be formed which would be the Klan "enforcers." This squad would be authorized to beat or kill informers. [redacted] also stated that this squad would be used to kill "niggers" at their meetings. [redacted] stated that all that would be necessary would be to let them congregate, then slip a bomb into their meeting room and blow up 50 or 100 "niggers." He stated that perhaps then the rest of the "niggers" would get the idea that the Klan means business. [redacted] also indicated that he can supply all Klansmen with firearms and teach them how to use them.

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[redacted] advised on January 10, 1966, that on January 9, 1966, the women's section of Klavern #6 NKKKK held a meeting at Bohemian Hall. In attendance were nine women and three men. The meeting was an informal one and no date was set for a future meeting. It was decided that future women's meetings would be held at the home of one of the members.

[redacted] advised on January 10, 1966, that on January 9, 1966, a meeting of Klavern #6 NKKKK was held at Bohemian Hall. At this meeting he advised that a discussion concerning a firearms range was held and it was indicated that Klansmen would be instructed in the use of firearms. The source also noted that a change in the front name of Klavern #6 from "Educational Sportsmen's Fund" to

"Cleveland Rod and Gun Club" would be effected. There was no final decision on a new name.

B. Finances

[redacted] advised on January 10, 1966, that as of this date Klavern #6 has a bank balance in its account at the Cleveland Trust Company of \$105.95. This bank account is under the name "Educational Sportsmen's Fund."

C. Publications and Propaganda

[redacted] advised on January 14, 1966, that Klavern #6 as of this date has published no literature of its own.

D. Miscellaneous

1. Possible Change in NKKKK Leaders

[redacted] advised on November 4, 1965, that he recently learned that [redacted] has lost favor with national Klan officials and that [redacted] a Cleveland man, would be running the Klan in this area. He also heard that "Mr. [redacted] Klan" would be the Klan organization in this area.

[redacted] advised on December 27, 1965, that he recently heard that there is a possibility of a merger of the UKA and the NKKKK. This source also advised that [redacted] of Cleveland is under consideration by NKKKK officials for appointment as [redacted] of Ohio.

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 100-10261

Cleveland, Ohio
January 21, 1966

Title NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
 KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

Character RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]
 [redacted] dated and captioned
 as above at Cleveland, Ohio.

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REPORTING OFFICE LOUISVILLE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN ATLANTA	DATE 1/20/66	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/20/65 - 1/7/66
TITLE OF CASE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.		REPORT MADE BY SA 	TYPED BY b6 plh b7C
		CHARACTER OF CASE RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 RJ/ab	

REFERENCE: Louisville letter and LHM dated 10/11/65.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Extended period is accounted for in view of the fact instant report is the first report of the Louisville Office regarding this matter, and information is incorporated which was received prior to the instant matter being active in this division.

As a matter of information, it might be noted that the identity of 12 individuals referred to herein as having recently joined the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Kentucky are as follows:

Case Pending Over One Year:

Yes ☐ No ☒

Prosecution Pending Over Six Months:

Yes ☐ No ☒

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None of the above individuals are known to be an officer in the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan or an active worker therein at this time. However, individual cases have been opened on these individuals for the purpose of doing sufficient inquiry to ascertain if any are officers or active workers in the organization.

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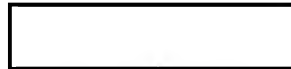
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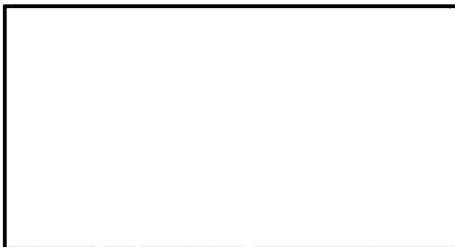
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THE LOUISVILLE OFFICE

AT COVINGTON, KENTUCKY:

Will follow and again report the activities of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in the Northern Kentucky area in 90 days unless events occur requiring more expeditious reporting.

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Field Office File #: LS 157-224

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Title: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
KU KLUX KLAN; INC.

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Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Synopsis: National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) held rally near Covington, Kentucky, September 25 - 26, 1965. A news report stated this was the first Klan rally in that area in 30 years. Estimated peak attendance at the rally was 400, many of whom were drawn to the scene by the appearance of fire trucks called to put out an unauthorized bonfire. The local police made two arrests based on warrants taken by a news photographer that the two individuals had assaulted him. On 12/5/65, the NKKKK held a closed meeting at Newport, Kentucky. An estimated 22 to 24 individuals joined during the meeting. The individuals were from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. Both the 9/25 - 26/65 and 12/5/65 affairs reportedly were organized by individuals from Ohio, and there is no evidence that any Kentucky Klavern of the organization exists at this time. An informant has identified 12 persons from Covington and vicinity as having recently joined the NKKKK.

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GENERAL ACTIVITIES

INDEX OF NAMES OF COMPANIES

All arrangements for the rally were made by people from Ohio, and the rally seemed to be mostly for the benefit of those people. The purpose of the rally

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was a recruitment drive, and an estimated 15 to 20 people filled out application blanks and paid their initiation fees during the rally. Throughout the day of September 25, 1965, a record player kept repeating three songs; namely, "Dixie," "Cumberland Gap" and an anti-Negro song "We're Gonna Kill Them Rotten Mothers."

There was no schedule for speeches, and the leaders of the rally waited until about 7:00 PM, September 25, 1965, when a sufficient crowd had been gathered to start the speaking. The speakers included [redacted] (phonetic) of Atlanta, Georgia, a man of about 65 years of age, who in his remarks attacked Negroes, Jews and Catholics. Another speaker, (First Name Unknown) [redacted] who said he was from Dayton, Ohio, but born in Knott County, Kentucky, in his remarks attacked the press. A third speaker, a Miss FOSTER (phonetic), who said she is 57 years of age and from Atlanta, Georgia, in her remarks generally followed the same lines as the speakers [redacted]

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During the time [redacted] was speaking several fire trucks from the nearby Southern Hills Volunteer Fire Department began passing back and forth on the highway nearby with their sirens and bells going full blast resulting in the audience being unable to hear [redacted]. This continued for a few minutes, and the fire trucks left. After about five minutes the fire trucks returned and proceeded to attempt to extinguish a bonfire of tires burning at the rally. The fire chief said that the fire department had received a complaint that the bonfire had been built without a permit, but the crowd felt that the fire department had come to harass the people at the rally. Prior to the fire truck incident, an estimated 200 people were at the rally, but the noise of the fire truck sirens caused additional persons to come to the scene until about an estimated 400 people were present.

An agreement was reached between the Chief of the Kenton County, Kentucky Patrol and the leaders of the rally that a cross could be burned. This was ignited at about 10:00 PM, September 25, 1965. At this time [redacted] a photographer and newsman from Cincinnati, Ohio, tried to get through the crowd to take some pictures, and he was struck several times by two Klan guards.

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On September 26, 1965, the two individuals were arrested by the local police on warrants which were taken out by [redacted]

The Kentucky State Police Detectives attending the rally were of the opinion that it would have passed relatively unpublished and unsuccessful if the fire trucks had not been dispatched to the scene.

On December 7, 1965, [redacted] advised that he had attended a closed meeting of the NKKKK on December 5, 1965, at the Eagles Lodge Building, 8th and York Streets, Newport, Kentucky. The meeting had been scheduled to start at 2:00 PM but was held up for an hour or so awaiting the arrival of [redacted]. The source stated that 22 to 24 people were initiated into the NKKKK during this meeting, being people from Dayton, Ohio; Indianapolis, Indiana; Cincinnati, Ohio, and from unknown cities in Kentucky.

An article in the December 10, 1965, issue of the Cincinnati Inquirer reported that PARKIE SCOTT had announced there would be a closed meeting of the NKKKK at the Eagles Lodge in Newport, Kentucky, on December 12, 1965. However, according to the article, officials of the lodge had said that the Klan would not be permitted to meet in the lodge, and that the reservation for the meeting had been obtained through misrepresentation.

An article in the December 13, 1965, issue of the Cincinnati Inquirer reported that the planned meeting of the Klan at the Eagles Lodge on December 12, 1965, was not held.

On August 25, 1965, [redacted] furnished information identifying 7 individuals from Northern Kentucky area in the vicinity of Cincinnati, Ohio, and one person from Cynthiana, Kentucky, as having recently joined the NKKKK.

On August 27, 1965, [redacted] furnished information identifying nine individuals from the Northern Kentucky area near Cincinnati, Ohio, as having been initiated into the NKKKK at a ceremony held August 16, 1965, near Oregonia, Ohio. Four of the person identified by [redacted] were identical with four persons identified by [redacted] on August 25, 1965.

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On January 5, 1966, [] furnished information identifying eleven individuals from the Northern Kentucky area in the vicinity of Cincinnati, Ohio, and one person from Cynthiana, Kentucky, as being members of the NKKKK. All of the individuals identified by this source had previously been identified by either [] on August 25, 1965, or [] on August 27, 1965.

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Louisville, Kentucky
January 20, 1966

TITLE	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
CHARACTER	RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
REFERENCE	Report of SA [redacted] [redacted] dated and captioned as above.

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Contact with [redacted] has been insufficient to determine reliability.

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From: Director, FBI (157-168)

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Information set forth in referenced should be promptly submitted to the Bureau in a letter and memorandum suitable for dissemination.

Dissemination should also be made locally to appropriate Federal intelligence agencies in Indiana and Ohio.

Cleveland should insure in the future that information of intelligence value is submitted to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

For your additional information, the correct spelling of the name of the Imperial Wizard is James R. Venable.

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NOTE: Cleveland advised that an informant had learned that the Klan in Ohio was attempting to raise approximately \$3200 to pay trial costs resulting from an attempted Klan rally at Dillsboro, Indiana, late in 1965. It is to be noted that information was previously received that this rally was attempted and that local authorities would not permit the rally and arrested two klansmen. This previous information has been disseminated and the current information is of intelligence value and should also be disseminated.

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE
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[redacted] (Probationary), who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 1/24/66, informed that at a meeting of NKKKK Kuyahoga Kounty Klavern #6 held 1/23/66, at Cleveland, NKKKK [redacted] for Ohio [redacted] spoke of the necessity of all Klansmen in the State of Ohio to pledge money to help pay the legal costs of the trials resulting from the cancellation and subsequent arrest of Klansmen at the NKKKK Rally which was scheduled at Dillsboro, Indiana, late 1965. He stated costs to carry the case through the State Supreme Court would be about \$3,200.00 and that he started the ball rolling by contributing \$1,200.00 of his own money, while JAMES R. VENABEL, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK, wired \$200.00 of his money to help in the fight.

[redacted] also mentioned the necessity of obeying the Local Exalted Cyclops without question as the Exalted Cyclops received his orders from him, [redacted] and he in turn receives his orders from JAMES R. VENABEL, in Georgia.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and offices concerned.

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